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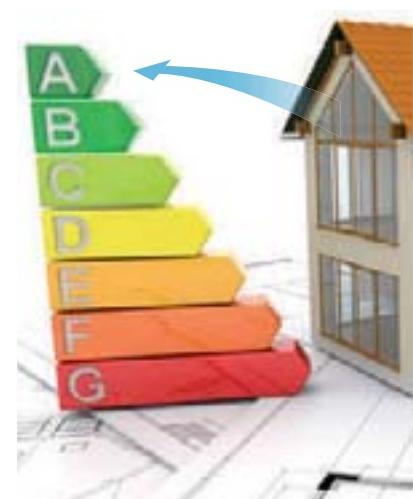
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■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

PROTESTORS are being urged to send in their objections in a last-ditch attempt to stop the building of a Sainsbury's supermarket in Hythe.

Shepway council's planning committee had granted permission last month, but it has been delayed by regional body the Government Office for the South East (GOSE) while it looks into how the decision was made.

If communities secretary John Denham decided to 'call in' the decision, it could go to a planning inquiry, with the final decision being made by him.

David Plumstead, of action group Shepway Environment Community Network, said it was vital those opposed to the development should write in by Friday and let their views be known.

He said: "GOSE has put a Section 14 notice on Shepway council, which effectively means planning may have been approved but a decision letter can't be issued giving permission to start."

"In other words, it's still in the balance. There's still time for people to write and demand that the application is called in for a public inquiry."

Mr Plumstead said he had written to the Communities Secretary as well as to Culture Secretary Ben Bradshaw and the new head of English Heritage, Baroness Andrews.

In its submission to the council prior to the meeting on December 15, English Heritage had expressed concerns about the "overbearing sense of development" on the Royal Military

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## BLAZE ENGULFS WAREHOUSE

Some 60 fire-fighters spent more than nine hours battling a huge blaze at a furniture warehouse in Lympinge last week.

The roof and second and third floors of the Thoroughly Wood shop in North Lyminge Lane had caught light on Wednesday and ten crews from across the county were called in.

At its height, fire-fighters were forced to siphon off water from the local supply, using giant inflatable tanks, leading to a temporary drop in water pressure in the village.

No one was injured and all staff members were accounted for. It is not yet known how the fire was started and an investigation is under way.

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# Massive blaze guts furniture warehouse

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A HUGE fire which lasted for more than nine hours and involved up to 60 fire-fighters from across the county has destroyed a furniture warehouse.

The fire at the Thoroughly Wood store in Lyminge is the second to have struck the firm in ten years. Crews raced to the scene after the alarm was raised at 12.46pm on Wednesday last week.

The roof and second and third floors of the building in North Lyminge Lane had caught light and ten engines and a platform were used to spray water and foam to dampen the flames.

At its height, fire-fighters were forced to siphon off water from the local supply, using giant inflatable tanks, leading to a temporary drop in water pressure in the village.

No one was injured and all staff members were accounted for. It is not yet known how the fire was started and an investigation is under way.

Thevalingam Thevakumar, owner of Lyminge Food and Wine on Canterbury Road, which backs on to the warehouse, said he saw the fire at the same time the emergency services were called out.

He said: "I could see the smoke and flames coming out of the top of the ceiling at about 12.45pm and then the fire engines started to arrive. There were about ten of them there within 15 minutes."

"By about 4pm, when I left the store, the fire had spread across the building and about 75 per cent of it had been destroyed."

"I came back at 6pm and there were still fire-fighters there. I noticed they'd started taking water



**VALIANT EFFORT:** Fire-fighters fought to contain the blaze for almost ten hours

from the local supply and closed the roads. They let me through so I could unload some of my stuff, but they had people there through the night."

Crews remained overnight to dampen down hot-spots and make sure there was no threat to surrounding buildings. The stand-down was eventually given at about 2.30pm on Thursday.

The fire comes almost ten years after another blaze struck the premises. According to an online parish newsletter, a fluorescent light tube exploded in the paint shop on Monday, June 28, 1999, with the resultant outbreak spreading quickly into the roof.

Tools and personal items were abandoned while staff members, including a pet gerbil, were evacuated. Only a file listing current and future orders survived, while everything else was destroyed in the fire, with the remains of the building eventually being bulldozed.

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## Musicians give their all to charity concert

A CONCERT to raise money for the refurbishment of St Stephen's Church in Lympne is being held next week.

The evening is being led by Floriane Peycelon, of the Folkestone and Hythe Orchestra, who performed last year.

She will be joined by other local musicians, including Ross Winters and Anthony Halstead.

Admission is free, with retiring donations welcome. The event takes place on Saturday, February 13, at 7.30pm at Lympne primary school.

## Inquest to be held into teen fire death

A DATE has been set for the inquest of a teenager who died in a house fire in Lydd-on-Sea last year.

Luke Ovenden, 17, died on the morning of Sunday, October 4, after a blaze tore through the family home at Jade Fort Cottages.

Former Marsh Academy pupil Luke, the oldest of five children, was inside the burning house when fire-fighters arrived. Despite their efforts, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

The inquest will be held on Thursday, April 22, at Ashford Magistrates Court.

## Youngsters' cooking contest grows up

THE ANNUAL Young Chef competition is taking place next month, with a new age group of 16- to 19-year-olds.

The aim of the event is to encourage youngsters to improve their cooking skills and be rewarded for their performance in a testing environment.

Students from Brockhill Park, Folkestone Academy, Folkestone School for Girls, Harvey Grammar School, Pent Valley and South Kent College will be taking part.

The competition for the two younger age groups will be held at South Kent College on Thursday, March 4, starting at 5pm.

The competition for the 16- to 19-year-olds will be held at Folkestone Academy on Wednesday, March 3, starting at 2pm.

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# 'Human rights denied' as police retain DNA

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A FOLKESTONE man says his faith in the police has been destroyed after his request to have his DNA taken off their database was refused.

Alan Ewins has been campaigning to have his details removed after he was arrested on suspicion of assault in April last year but later released without charge.

While in custody, his fingerprints and palm prints were taken, but after almost nine months of correspondence he has been told they will continue to be kept on file.

Mr Ewins, who lives in a semi-sheltered council flat in Warren Close, said: "It's a denial of my human rights.

"I'm not going to lie down. There are nearly one million other people who are in the same situation as me.

"It's disgraceful and has destroyed my faith in the police force."

## Exceptional

In a letter addressed to Mr Ewins, Superintendent Paul Gladstone said: "The retention of DNA and fingerprint samples taken under these circumstances is permitted by law.

"It is only in exceptional circumstances, which are clearly defined, that it is possible to destroy such records. Such circumstances

relate to a crime not having been committed in the first place or else if the records were actually taken inappropriately.

"In the circumstances outlined in the crime report and as outlined in a report by Inspector Piddock of South Kent Police, I do not feel that there are sufficient grounds to destroy your DNA and fingerprints at this time."

Mr Ewins was previously told by MP Michael Howard that it would be "extremely difficult" to get his details removed, given the complicated nature of the debate.

The Government was forced to change its rules on holding DNA data after the European Court of Human Rights ruled in December 2008 that it was illegal and breached privacy rights.

Figures published towards the end of last year revealed there was a 'postcode lottery' between police forces when it came to deciding whether to remove innocent people's profiles.

It showed Kent Police had agreed to 13 out of 36 requests in 2008-09, or about 36 per cent. By comparison, South Yorkshire granted 83 per cent of requests, while others including Cambridgeshire and Nottinghamshire refused to remove any at all.

The Home Office proposes to keep hold of innocent people's DNA profiles for up to six years and said such information was vital in fighting crime.

However, the Conservatives say that should they win the next election they would introduce the Scottish model, where only the DNA of those prosecuted for a sexual or violent offence is kept on file.



ON FILE: Mr Ewins's requests to police have been denied

## Traders say they weren't consulted

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Canal, a listed national monument. It also cautioned on the effects on the listed cottages at Military Terrace from delivery lorries turning into the proposed service yard in Sir John Moore Avenue.

Mr Plumstead's group conducted its own retail traders' survey last month, which showed more than 90 per cent of those in the High Street said they had not been consulted.

A GOSE spokeswoman told Yourshepway: "The application is before the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for consideration and decision whether he should call in the planning application.

"If he did so the application would go before a planning inquiry and then the decision would be made by the Secretary of State rather than by Shepway council."

A Sainsbury's spokesman said: "Shepway council resolved to approve Sainsbury's planning application to regenerate the Military Road site in December of last year.

"Planning permission has not yet been issued as GOSE has decided to review Shepway's decision on the redevelopment proposals. We are awaiting feedback from GOSE."

Submissions need to be sent by Friday (Feb 5) to Susan Barnes, Government Office for the South East, Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford GU1 4GA.

## MP Howard appeals expenses repayment

MICHAEL Howard is one of 70 MPs who have appealed against demands to repay some of his Commons expenses claims, according to a national newspaper.

The Sunday Telegraph said the Folkestone and Hythe representative, who claimed £17,000 for gardening services over four years, is among those who have challenged Sir Thomas Legg's findings.

The revelation comes ahead of a 30-page report by Sir Thomas, a retired senior civil servant appointed to investigate the claims, due to be published on Thursday.

Mr Howard, who is stepping down at the next general election after 27 years in office, is among the most senior figures to be named, alongside other current and former Government ministers, including Solicitor General Vera Baird and John Redwood.

The former Home Secretary and one-time party leader was caught up in the MPs' expenses scandal last summer when The Daily Telegraph revealed that he paid £17,000 of taxpayers' money over four years for gardening and maintenance at his Lympne home.

He denied any wrongdoing at the time and said that all the claims were within the rules.

The paper said Mr Howard refused to comment when contacted about the latest findings.

Parliamentary sources told The Sunday Telegraph that Sir Thomas's report risked causing further controversy as only the briefest of details about the MPs' appeals process would be made public.

## Investigated

MPs were given the option to appeal against the findings to retired judge Sir Paul Kennedy, but no information will be released about their reasons for doing so or whether they were justified.

Furthermore, it will apparently be impossible to identify from the report the three MPs believed to have been investigated over their expenses claims by police and whose files were sent to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Fellow Kent MP Anne Widdecombe told the newspaper she was asked to repay £230 for gardening services, while Thanet North MP Roger Gale said he had nothing to repay after his appeal was upheld.

## Water works may disrupt your flow

HOUSEHOLDS in New Romney are being warned they could face disruption to their water supply next week while maintenance is carried out.

From 11pm-5am on Monday and Tuesday, February 8-9, water pressure and flow might be reduced for 1,900 customers and there could be discolouration of the water supply.

Special arrangements are being made by water company Veolia for any customers who need a constant supply of water for medical reasons.

## Inconvenience

The company's Chris Taylor said: "We apologise to customers for the inconvenience and are seeking to keep disruption to the minimum by limiting restriction of supplies to a short overnight period.

"This will enable us to complete the cleaning of the local mains network and to ensure that in the long term a high-quality and secure supply can be maintained in the area."

He said most customers should see no change in their water supply when the work was undertaken but water could be discoloured for a short time.

The discoloured water does not pose any health risks. Customers should be able to quickly remove the discolouration by letting taps run and flushing it from their systems.

Mr Taylor said: "We have a rolling programme to maintain and upgrade our extensive network of around 1,000 kilometres of mains.

"This work includes both cleaning and the replacement of older pipes.

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## Wash away winter bugs

HEALTH chiefs are reminding people to follow simple hygiene measures to help stop the spread of the winter vomiting bug.

It has been estimated that since October about 500,000 people have become ill nationally with the norovirus bug, which causes vomiting and diarrhoea.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent says that by washing hands using soap and water at least five times a day people can help protect themselves from the virus.

Andy Scott-Clark, deputy director of public health for NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, said: "The most common way infections such as diarrhoea, sickness, tummy bugs, colds and flu are spread is by hand."

"People should clean their hands before and after eating or handling food and after using the toilet and touching animals."

Good hygiene should also be taught to children.

Mr Scott-Clark said: "Encouraging youngsters to wash their hands regularly will ensure this becomes a lifelong habit."

## Profit from free advice

SELF-EMPLOYED business-owners are invited to attend a free workshop that explores ways to increase sales and profits.

Run by Business Link, the publicly-funded business advice and support service for Dover and Shepway, sessions run from 8.30am and 2pm at the Channel Chamber of Commerce, Shearway Road, Folkestone, on Wednesday, February 24.

Developed by Bob Gorton, who runs Hard Hat, one of the country's leading change-management organisations, delegates will be encouraged to decide their aims and ambitions, establish key financial targets and look for opportunities to achieve priorities.

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# Bronze Age boat added to world artefacts list

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A BRONZE Age boat unearthed in Dover has been selected to represent Kent's past in a landmark BBC series about world history.

The ancient vessel will join nine other specially-chosen artefacts from the county as part of the BBC and British Museum's A History Of The World In 100 Objects project.

Radio 4 will host the 100-part series, which will run over the course of the year, and each relic will be discussed in 15-minute slots. Other BBC channels and its online service will also run features on the objects, which are from across the UK.

Kent is set to feature prominently, with the Bronze Age boat, a leather First World War football kept at Dover Castle and a selection of Roman pots being just some of the artefacts selected from the county's historical wares.

Mark Frost, assistant curator at Dover Museum, where the remains of the boat are displayed, said the vessel was particularly important.

"This was the first cross-Channel ferry. It's older than Tutankhamen and as old as Stonehenge," he said.

"We've always thought it was one of the most important finds of all time – it was a world first."



**WORLD FIRST:** Dover's Bronze Age boat

The remains of the vessel were discovered six metres below ground in September 1992 during roadworks in the port.

It had been buried in silt, which formed a protective tomb. Radio-carbon-dating revealed it was built about 1550BC, showing it to be 3,550 years old.

Mr Frost said: "Before it was found, people didn't really know much about Bronze Age trade between the Continent and Britain. We thought smaller, lightweight boats were used."

"But when the boat was found we realised this large vessel was used for trade."

It would have been capable of carrying significant loads, livestock and passengers.

Mr Frost said the museum got visitors from

as far away as Scandinavia and the United States but admitted that holding on to what was one of the most important historical and maritime finds ever was difficult.

"We had to fight to keep it in Dover – it was going to be displayed at the National Maritime Museum," he said. "But we managed to keep hold of it and this is where it will remain."

As well as the Bronze Age boat, a leather football, currently on display in the Royal Regimental Museum at Dover Castle, will feature on the Radio 4 series.

Roman pots dredged from the seabed off Whitstable and Herne Bay have also been selected. The red pottery dishes, which are on display at Whitstable Museum, are believed to have been used by women to make a dessert and were given the name 'pudding pans'.

More than 350 UK museums are assisting in the project, with Canterbury City Council leading the scheme in Kent.

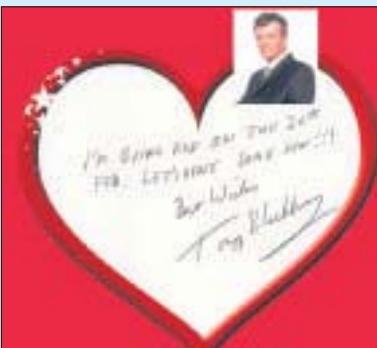
Seamus Boyd, BBC project manager, said a fascinating range of objects had been chosen.

"Some of them may have great monetary value, others little or none, but they're priceless in how they bring to life moments from history," he said.

"The initial collection is just the blueprint to which we hope viewers and listeners will add their own objects and help to create a vibrant tapestry of the past," he said.

• See [www.bbc.co.uk/ahistoryoftheworld](http://www.bbc.co.uk/ahistoryoftheworld) for programme information.

## Are you ready to declare your heartfelt love?



**RIGHT TONE:** Veteran DJ Blackburn's love note

FEBRUARY is National Heart Month and the British Heart Foundation is asking the people of Kent to show their hearts by writing a love note in their local BHF Shop window, such as the one in Dover.

People can join the likes of Tony Blackburn, Sharon Osbourne and Emma Thompson by supporting the BHF and writing their own love note to a loved one.

Tony Blackburn penned his love note asking for you to join him in the fight against heart disease on National Wear Red Day by raising funds and awareness.

He wrote: "I will be going Red For Heart on February 26. Let's have fun, raise money and support the nation's heart charity so it can continue in the fight against heart disease –

the UK's biggest killer." Rock royalty Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne, meanwhile, decided to write a love note to each other, with Sharon announcing she will be going red for her rock-legend husband. It read: "I'm going red for Ozzy – Sharon Osbourne x"

Coronation Street actress Kym Marsh is also urging people to support the heart charity. She said: "Get involved and support the BHF – you may need their help one day."

Area manager Lynda Middleton wants everyone to help turn BHF shop windows red with hearts.

She said: "Love notes are a fantastic way to declare your love for your friends, family or your special someone and to show support for the BHF Red For Heart campaign."

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**RELOCATION:** The short-haired bumblebee is being bred in polytunnels full of red clover in New Zealand (below) and will eventually be brought to the RSPB nature reserve at Dungeness, where it will hopefully thrive

# Bumblebee may soon be back at nature reserve

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

A GLOBAL project to introduce bees to a bird reserve in Kent is gaining pace after a queen turned out to be a prolific mother.

Short-haired bumblebees from New Zealand are being relocated to the RSPB reserve at Dungeness.

The species had died out at the site over the generations, so it was decided to import a new batch from across the world.

Sophie McCallum, from the RSPB, said: "We are not stealing the bees from New Zealand. New ones are being specially bred and they will be brought back to Dungeness by the summer hopefully, but it all depends on how the breeding goes."

"It is currently under way in New Zealand and things are looking good at this stage. We are very confident, especially as they are on the brink of extinction in the UK."

This is also the International Year of Biodiversity, making the plan even more important.

The short-haired bumblebee was once widespread in the south of England but disappeared as a result of farming changes in farming methods.

However, populations taken to New Zealand by British settlers a century ago have survived.

RSPB volunteer Rob Jones is in New Zealand, along with Nikki Gammans, of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

They are working on South Island and have collected queen bees, which are then being reared in Christchurch.

Latest reports say the queens are now laying eggs and some of the nests have larvae.

Ms Gammans said: "Queen number 30 is our best queen so far, with more than 12 larvae developing."

"All remaining queens have now laid eggs, so all are coming along, but they are moving slowly."

It hasn't all been plain sailing, with some of the queens dying. "We unfortunately lost half of the queens collected, which we did expect would happen," said Ms Gammans.

"But we do have some good news. Most of the remaining queens have now laid eggs.



Some eggs have died and have been kicked out of the nest, but they seem to keep laying to replace the dead ones.

"Some of the nests have larvae, which is a good sign, and we hope the others will go the same way."

Sam Dawes, RSPB's head of conservation for the South East, said: "The loss of this bumblebee is a prime example of the pressures faced by the UK's natural environment."

"A huge amount of work has been done to improve the site for bumblebees. We've encouraged the flowering plants they love and it is already a haven for many bumblebees, but it is not often you get a chance to bring back a species that has been lost."

Meanwhile, the introduction of a new farming system is good news for wildlife.

It will be used to increase the areas that farmers can sow with plants that produce wild birdseed, such as cereals, quinoa, sunflower and millet, helping birds like yellowhammer, linnet and corn bunting by providing more winter food.

Darren Moorcroft, head of farming advice at the RSPB, said: "Populations have declined by 50 per cent across the UK in recent decades and if we are going to save iconic species we must act now."

Farmers hold the key to reviving farmland bird numbers and delivering measures such as nectar-rich field margins and putting sky-lark plots on their fields."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Football chief faces ban

PAUL Scally, the chairman of Gillingham Football Club, is to appear before magistrates after he was caught using his mobile phone while driving in Dover docks.

The Canterbury bench was unaware Scally had moved to Dubai as his former address at Hatcham Place, The Hurst, Crouch, near Borough Green, was posted in court papers.

Scally, 54, faces at least a six-month driving ban after being convicted in his absence.

Magistrates gave him three penalty points on top of nine he already had, which means he must appear at Canterbury court on Thursday, February 25.

Teresa Ruiz, prosecuting, said a Dover docks police officer spotted Scally driving his black BMW X5 at the Union Street roundabout on August 4 while on his mobile phone.

The case was proved in his absence and he was ordered to attend next month, when magistrates will decide on his ban.

### Going wild about nature

WILDLIFE sightings are being collected by Kent County Council.

The authority wants people to tell officers what they like about local wildlife and to take part in outdoor activities.

As animals and plants emerge from the coldest winter for 29 years, KCC is highlighting different species through the seasons to mark the International Year of Biodiversity.

Nick Chard, KCC's cabinet member for the environment, said: "This is a good opportunity for everyone to discover more of the rich diversity on their doorstep."

### Open day at music school

KENT Music Academy, the county's Saturday morning school for young musicians, is holding an open morning in Astley House, Hastings Road, Maidstone, from 9.45am until midday on Saturday.

It comprises chamber and ensemble music, individual lessons and a choice of general musicianship subjects with an emphasis on classical music.

Adrian Goss, director of Kent Music Academy, said: "This is the perfect opportunity to experience music-making at a high level."

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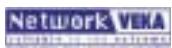
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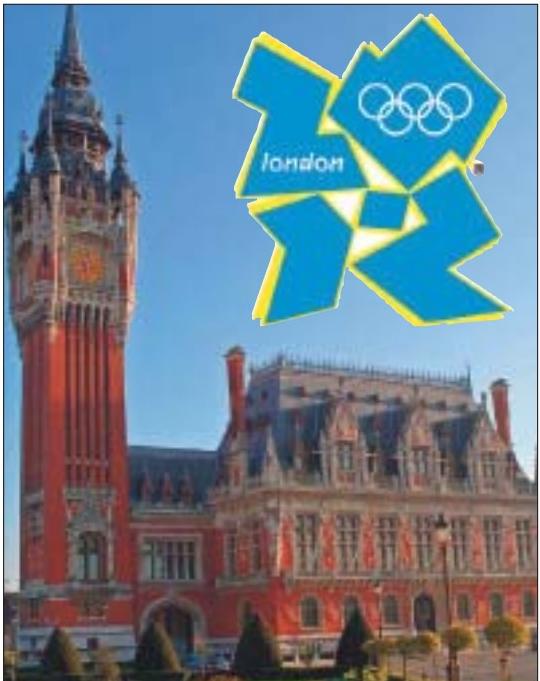
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# Cheeky Calais keen to cash in



TOWN HALL: Calais is boasting of its "Englishness" to attract London 2012 business

■ BY MARIJKE COX

KENT'S Olympic officials have described a move by Calais to attract spectators and sports teams to the French port as "healthy competition".

Their comments came after civic leaders from Calais admitted that despite losing out in the bid to host the 2012 Games in Paris, they hope to cash in from the British victory.

Leader of Pas-de-Calais council Dominique Dupilet even went so far as to boast of his town's "Englishness" in an attempt to coax business to his side of the Channel – 21 miles from Dover.

A blueprint – Mission Pas-de-Calais 2012 – has also been launched and around £84 million of local money is being spent on upgrading hotels, guest houses and sports facilities.

Already a string of teams have signed up to stay in the northern French region, and officials hope spectators will stay on the other side of the Channel and commute to London for the Games. M Dupilet told reporters that when London was announced as the host for the Olympics back in 2005, he was more pleased than if Paris had won.

"Don't tell anyone, but I always thought London was better for us," he said. "My colleague was telling me to write a condolence card when Paris lost, but I was busy hoisting the British flag."

His comments have done little to deter Kent's Olympic team from their goal of bringing some of the profits from the Games to the county.

Clr Mike Hill, cabinet member for communities at Kent County Council, said: "We've known for a long time they wanted to benefit from this and we'd have done the same if Paris had won. There's always been a bit of healthy competition between



LONDON GAMES: Artist's image of the Olympic stadium

the French and the English so this is nothing new. We've already got two teams signed up to train in Kent – from Belarus and Ukraine – and we're speaking to others."

Cllr Hill said the recent introduction of the high-speed rail link would also benefit many Kent towns during the Games.

Chris Hespe, head of sport, leisure and Olympics for KCC and chairman of the Kent 2012 Campaign, agreed with Cllr Hill.

"Kent would have done the same if the Games were in Paris," he said. You can't blame them for wanting to be part of the greatest show on Earth."

He confirmed the Belarus and Ukraine judo federations would be training in the county from 2010. "There's at least one more nation coming here, but we can't release the details yet," he said. "We're very relaxed about Pas-de-Calais getting involved. Our priority is to bring the magic of the Olympics to Kent."

Dover District Council has been working with Pas-de-Calais council in the bid to get the Olympic torch to arrive in the UK through Dover in 2012. If successful, the flame will travel the 21 miles from Calais.

## Desperate migrants put serious trust in unscrupulous types

ILLEGAL migrants and people-traffickers are forever coming up with new ways to try and breach the UK border.

Whether clinging to the underside of lorries or hiding children inside car dashboards, there appears to be no limit to the lengths some people will go.

But according to Det Sgt Paul Bratton of Kent Police's frontier crime unit, there is "no ingenious idea" that will fool border officials and nothing will catch them unawares.

"Once we had a coach where all the seats had been taken out and the floor heightened, so 27 Chinese people could be stuffed into the bottom," he said.

"Then the seats were put back and people were sat on top of them. But officials noticed passengers' heads were rubbing against the parcel shelf and that's the sort of thing they're always looking out for."

"Once we had a car that had been converted so a man could hide in the engine bay beneath the bonnet. On another occasion a man had managed to squeeze into a petrol tank."

"There are some desperate people out there who put serious trust in unscrupulous types."

Based at Dover's Eastern Docks, the frontier

A SMUGGLER caught with 17 Indian men hiding among furniture in the back of his van has been jailed for three years.

Clive Anthony Wright (pictured right), from Ilford, Essex, told border officials he did not know the illegal migrants were on board the vehicle when he attempted to pass through the Channel Tunnel on the French side at Coquelles. Wright, 46, was stopped at the inbound UK Border Control on May 1, 2009.

He was sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court last month. Immigration officer Kelly Tipton said Wright claimed he had agreed to deliver the furniture for a third party and was being paid £1,000 for a day's work.

crime unit investigates all crimes linked to Kent ports, including airports such as Manston and Rochester and even helipads and marinas.

The team, which has immigration officers stationed in Folkestone and Medway, also has close links with the UK Border Agency, port security staff and the French border police.



She said: "It was furniture you wouldn't pay £30 for. Lots of wardrobes and chests of drawers in a very contained space. Officers said the condensation on the roof of the van was enough to tell there were people inside."

FRENCH pilot Eric Laou-Hap lived to regret smuggling seven foreign nationals into Kent on a light aircraft. The 39-year-old, pictured right, was jailed for four years after the illegal migrants were seen running away from his Piper Cherokee, below, at Laddingford Airport, Maidstone, last July.

He pleaded guilty to assisting illegal entry and was sentenced last month.



Last year the unit played a part in the conviction of 108 people, 27 of whom were guilty of "facilitation" – people-trafficking – and were jailed for a total of just under 50 years.

The remaining 81 defendants received a combined sentence of just over 71 years for offences including possession of false documents, theft and fraud. DS Bratton said the

attempted illegal entry of people into Kent showed little sign of slowing.

He said: "As far as people-trafficking goes, a lot of the time it's for prostitution. And that's not just females, because sometimes young boys are sold for sex, too."

"But most of the cases we have to deal with involve economic migrants who want to come here for a better life. We've had lots of cases where in a lorry containing 10 or 11 men, one will have already made it to the UK and will have come back to help others join him – for a price. Generally the illegals themselves pay for it, but sometimes that involves them becoming slaves and working for nothing."

Many of those caught transporting illegal migrants into the UK – either in Kent or at the other side of the Channel in Coquelles, France – claim they either didn't know they had anyone on board or they didn't know their passengers were carrying false documents.

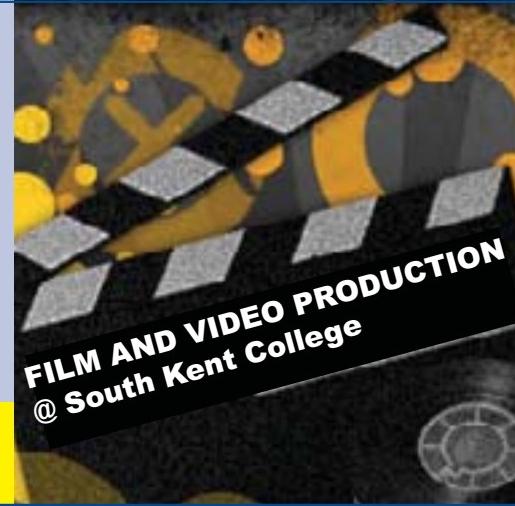
Det Sgt Bratton said: "Facilitation is a very serious offence with a maximum sentence of 14 years, so I'd advise anyone against trying to do it. Everyone likes to think they're intelligent enough to beat the system, but very rarely is that the case."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### BEN HAMILTON-BAILLIE



**Q & A**

Ben Hamilton-Baillie, the Shared Space expert who advised on the Ashford ring-road scheme, talks to Ed Hill about the awards the scheme has received and answers the critics of the pioneering road system

**Q** You must be pleased no accidents have been reported in the first 12 months of the Shared Space Scheme?

**A** Yes, the first year of the new scheme has been very encouraging. More time is needed before we can draw any firm conclusions, but so far the new arrangements seem to give Ashford some space, which is significantly safer than the old one-way, three-lane race-track of the former ring-road.

**Q** What did you think of the criticism from Jeremy Clarkson?

**A** The concept of shared space is still new, and Ashford presents a bold approach to traffic engineering and urban design. The media naturally reflected the inevitable surprise and scepticism that always accompanies something new and very different.

Jeremy Clarkson perfectly encapsulated the old assumptions that gave us the pedestrian segregation of overbridges, underpasses, signals, signs and barriers – it can be helpful to have such reactions expressed!

**Q** The scheme has won many awards over the last year. Why do you think this is the case?

**A** The awards and recognition reflect two factors... firstly, the design team led by the landscape architects Whitelaw Turkington produced an excellent scheme, working with the local community. Secondly, Kent County Council and Ashford fully deserved the accolades for seeing the scheme through.

**Q** There were issues with people parking and blocking the roads. How does the relationship between the shared space concept and parking work?

**A** Shared space works best without the yellow lines and signs that disfigure so many streets and town centres. Ashford relies on the use of a 'Restricted Parking Zone' to define where you can park, rather than marking where you should not. Approval for such zones is still, for the moment, needed from the Department for Transport. Unfortunately it took months to finalise this approval, and this caused some initial problems.

**Q** How can you reinforce the idea that drivers need to slow down, particularly to drivers new to the town?

**A** As a driver entering the new streets, you are aware that this is somewhere different. It feels quite unlike a normal urban road. You start to pay extra attention and to become more alert to other people and to your surroundings. The narrower apparent width of the carriageways, the absence of road markings and signals, the lighting, low kerbs and distinctive paving all help to encourage low speeds.

**Q** Partially-sighted groups still have issues about the distinction between the kerb and road and crossing safely. What would you say to reassure them?

**A** It takes a great deal of time to adapt and get used to new layouts and arrangements, but as the scheme settles in it is becoming

clearer that the reductions in traffic speed and changes in driver behaviour far outweigh any perceived benefits from formal controls and crossings. Gradually the awareness that drivers can observe, anticipate and appreciate the specific needs of every pedestrian, whatever their circumstances, begins to improve comfort and confidence.

**Q** Would you say that you are learning things from the Ashford design yourself?

**A** Ashford is far from complete and I am looking forward to seeing the new developments frame and enclose the south side of Elwick Street. One day the rest of the former ring-road will be similarly transformed. There are lots of lessons learnt from Ashford, about materials, design and so on. But the processes behind decision-making, the political structures and working arrangements provide the really vital lessons and are beginning to transform the way local authorities go about economic regeneration.

More towns are interested in the shared space idea, but squeezed Government budgets must have an impact on the quality of schemes that can be delivered.

There will be fewer large schemes in the coming months, but perhaps this will offer a chance for reflection on progress achieved so far. Ashford has helped the UK appreciate the potential for creating more civilised streets and spaces, and this will be a lasting legacy.

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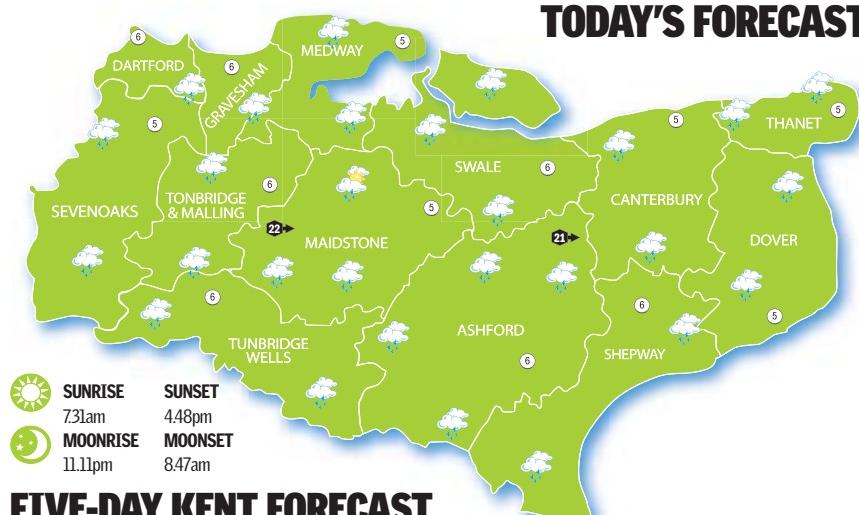
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**French commuter to sue Eurostar over breakdown**

A FRENCH businessman trapped for five hours on a Eurostar train in the Channel Tunnel during the cold snap says he is suing the company for a six-figure sum – claiming he was subjected to “imprisonment, pure and simple”.

Willy Risi was on one of four trains that broke down in the tunnel on Friday, December 18, when the cold weather struck.

However, instead of arriving in London at St Pancras International at the scheduled time of 8.35pm, passengers were evacuated at 1am the following day and transferred to another train.

This in turn got stuck in Ashford between 2am and 7am.

Mr Risi says the treatment he received by Eurostar was unacceptable and contacted lawyers to put the claim to the courts before talking to French newspaper France Soir.

**Breakdown**

The married father of two claims Eurostar should have been better prepared for the breakdown.

The company blamed “fluffy snow” for the trouble with its rolling stock – claiming when it melted on entering the tunnel it turned into condensation, which damaged electrical components.

Services were suspended during some of the cold weather, causing huge frustration among passengers looking to get away over Christmas.

Mr Risi said: “We had nothing to eat, no food, and the doors were shut. It was impossible to leave the train. We spent five hours without any kind of information or any Eurostar agents to tell us what was going on.”

“This was imprisonment, pure and simple. I’ve given all the details to my lawyer, who’s going to file a complaint to the court.”

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# Tory chief outlines his road plans

## But Thames crossing proposals blasted as desecration of countryside

■ BY MARIKE COX

MAJOR plans to build a new Thames crossing between Kent and Essex have been revealed as part of a blueprint setting out the county's future for the next 30 years.

Kent County Council Tory leader Cllr Paul Carter made the announcement during a whistle-stop tour of the regeneration hotspots for the launch of the authority's 21st Century Kent project.

The crossing, which would cost around £1 billion, could potentially be sited between the east of Gravesend and either Tilbury or Canvey Island in Essex, linking with the M11.

A feasibility study is currently under way, with the results expected next month.

Cllr Carter said an extra tunnel or bridge would significantly ease pressure off the Dartford Crossing and potentially generate £30 million a year in tolls.

"The Dartford Crossing is already working at over-capacity. If another one is built it will relieve pressure from the M25, M1 and M40 – people could get to Dover from the Midlands without having to go near the M25.

"People have the view that Kent's road system is always gridlocked and this crossing would help change that."

Cllr Carter argued that it could be paid for by revenue from the toll system plus charges imposed on freight drivers coming through

Dover and Folkestone.

But the plans have been slammed by the Tory leader of Gravesend Borough Council Cllr Mike Snelling, who claimed a lower Thames crossing from Gravesend would "desecrate precious parts of the borough" including villages and countryside.

Cllr Carter was speaking during the unveiling of the blueprint for 21st Century Kent, with one of the world's leading architects Sir Terry Farrell – the man behind London's M16 building – at its forefront.

Sir Terry was commissioned by KCC to put together an ambitious masterplan for the county, focusing on the high-speed rail link.

Other infrastructure proposals are to:

- Extend the high-speed rail link from Ashford to Thanet
- Link Gatwick Airport to the high-speed rail network
- Create a Manston airport and Thanet rail interchange with the high-speed network
- Improve the A21 transport corridor to enhance access to west Kent
- Extend crossrail to Ebbsfleet.

New business opportunities are expected for Kings Hill, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge through improvements to infrastructure, including the Maidstone Parkway Station and improved links to the M25 and Hastings.



BLUEPRINT: Sir Terry Farrell

Ebbsfleet has also been outlined as a future business and innovation 'super-hub' with the development of 10,000 new homes and nine million square foot of office space.

Medway has been ring-fenced as a future "European centre of excellence for advanced manufacturing" with its five towns, Strood, Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham and Rainham, becoming a new city.

And by 2030, Ashford could be Kent's "21st Century garden city" attracting communities from all over the UK and Europe through its metro service and business opportunities.

East Kent and the coastal towns were also highlighted, with culture being one of the main driving forces behind their success.

Cllr Carter went on to explain how he had been inspired by Victorian forward thinking.

"They had an extreme vision which they carried out to make Britain the place it is today.

"We need to do exactly the same. Visionary thinking is the way forward."

District and borough councils, Medway Council, local businesses and communities will now be involved on detailed work on the blueprint.

## Unseen Battle of Britain film marks anniversary

A CAMPAIGN saluting the brave men of the Battle of Britain is being launched as part of this year's 70th anniversary commemorations.

And to bring home the harsh realities of what really happened in the skies above Kent and the English Channel, valuable unseen footage and personal interviews are being released for the very first time.

Maidstone-based organisation Their Finest Hour Ltd has spent the past five years raising awareness of the famous battle, which marked the first defeat of Hitler's military forces.

But with the new project, founder John Hammond hopes to take the campaign to another level.

"We want to show people the lives and emotions of the pilots who bravely fought in the battle," he said.

"People don't always think about the close relationships these men built up, only for them to lose their comrades."

"We want to show this in an interesting and entertaining way so people will see the realities and learn more about what happened."

The initiative includes the release of a series of books for adults and children, a 20-part television series and DVDs, plus a new feature film set for release in 2012.

KOS Media – publisher of this newspaper

– is giving its support to the project which will commemorate the famous battle in



which more than 500 RAF personnel lost their lives.

But in 2010, of the estimated 2,000 men who fought, there are believed to be around 100 of them still alive, and some of those men still live in Kent where much of the Battle of Britain was played out.

The project, which is being partially backed by the RAF Benevolent Fund, also includes the production of a commemorative CD, featuring British classical composer Karl Jenkins.

Models, toys and limited edition collector's pieces are also being made. Discussions are currently underway with the British Legion, EMI and the RAF Benevolent Fund about holding concerts across the country.

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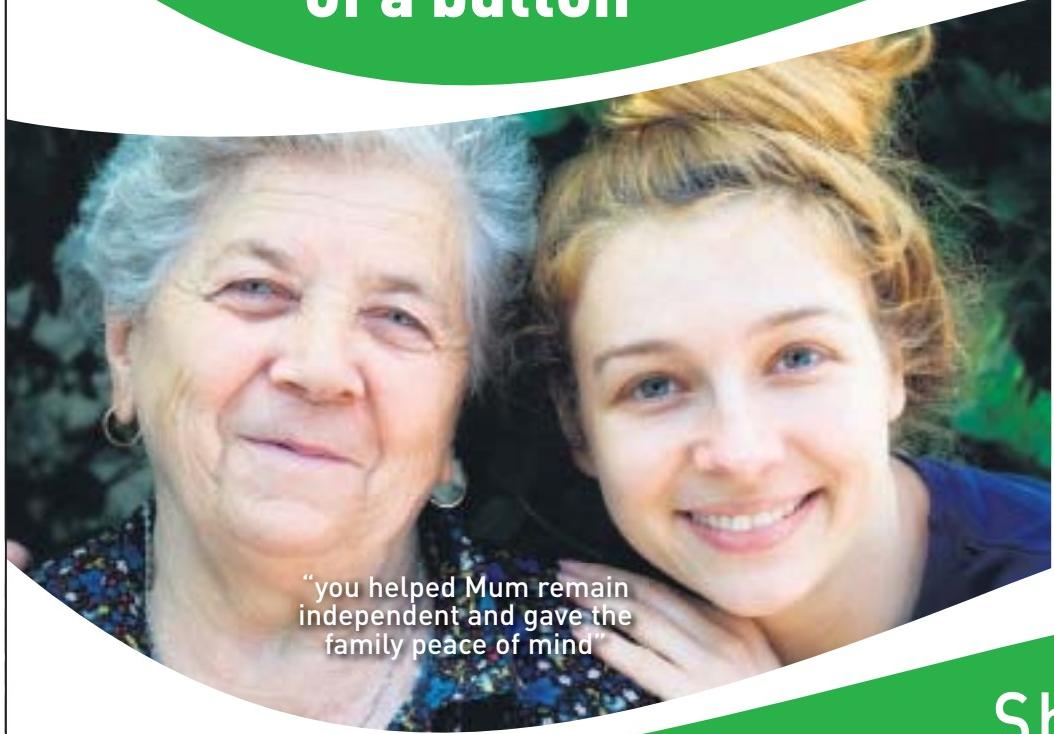


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**Method:**  
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Campaigner Ray Duff looks back over a year of highs and lows for the world's gay people



## Let's all take pride in progress while battling to beat hatred

FEBRUARY is LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) History Month. Life is improving for gay people, but vigilance and action are still needed.

This year, on the plus side, Kent Police, with whom I have liaised for ten years or so, have achieved ninth place on the recent Stonewall (gay rights group) best employers list, having revised and improved their efforts.

Kent County Council has organised a same-sex holding-hands photo exhibition at County Hall involving locals and youngsters.

Many libraries have LGBT books and DVDs available and I urge people, gay or straight, to take them out. All this helps to move things on even further from the bad old days of local Section 28 policies and so on.

Kent Fire and Rescue have also been active, both at Gay Pride events and in advertising their services and vacancies in gay magazines.

Pride In Canterbury is having another history-month event in the city on Wednesday, February 10, with a talk on pride and politics.

Thanet Gay Pride is set for Saturday, July 17, in Margate, and this will be advertised soon.

On the downside, there is the four-fold increase in attacks on minority groups, including gays, across the UK.

The recent conviction of a man in Bromley for a murderous attack on a gay couple shows both the risks that gay people still face and the action that can be taken. The murderer received a 32-year sentence.

I urge all LGBT people to continue to report any attacks and abuse – physical or verbal – on the freephone link, 0800 328 9162.

There are varied reports from across the world. China instituted gay cafés and almost allowed a gay pageant, but this was stopped by police over supposed procedural matters.

In Mumbai, India, things appear to be slowly improving, but in Africa it's far worse for LGBT people, especially in Uganda, Malawi

and Nigeria – although Rwanda and South Africa may be brighter spots.

Peter Tatchell, a friend, and people around the world, including many politicians, have been campaigning against the hatred that can be inspired both by old colonial laws and religion.

The Pope – who I believe is homophobic – is due in the UK in September and will address both houses of Parliament.

It is likely that many groups, including gays and women, will be outside wanting a word about his and the Catholic Church's opposition to progress on many social and sexuality issues.

Lastly, a history note: it was a gay 'genius', Professor Alan Turing, who not only cracked the Nazi Enigma Code but went on to be the 'father' of both modern computing science and chaos theory.

He died, aged 44, due to 1950s homophobia.

What else might he have achieved had we been as enlightened then as we are now?

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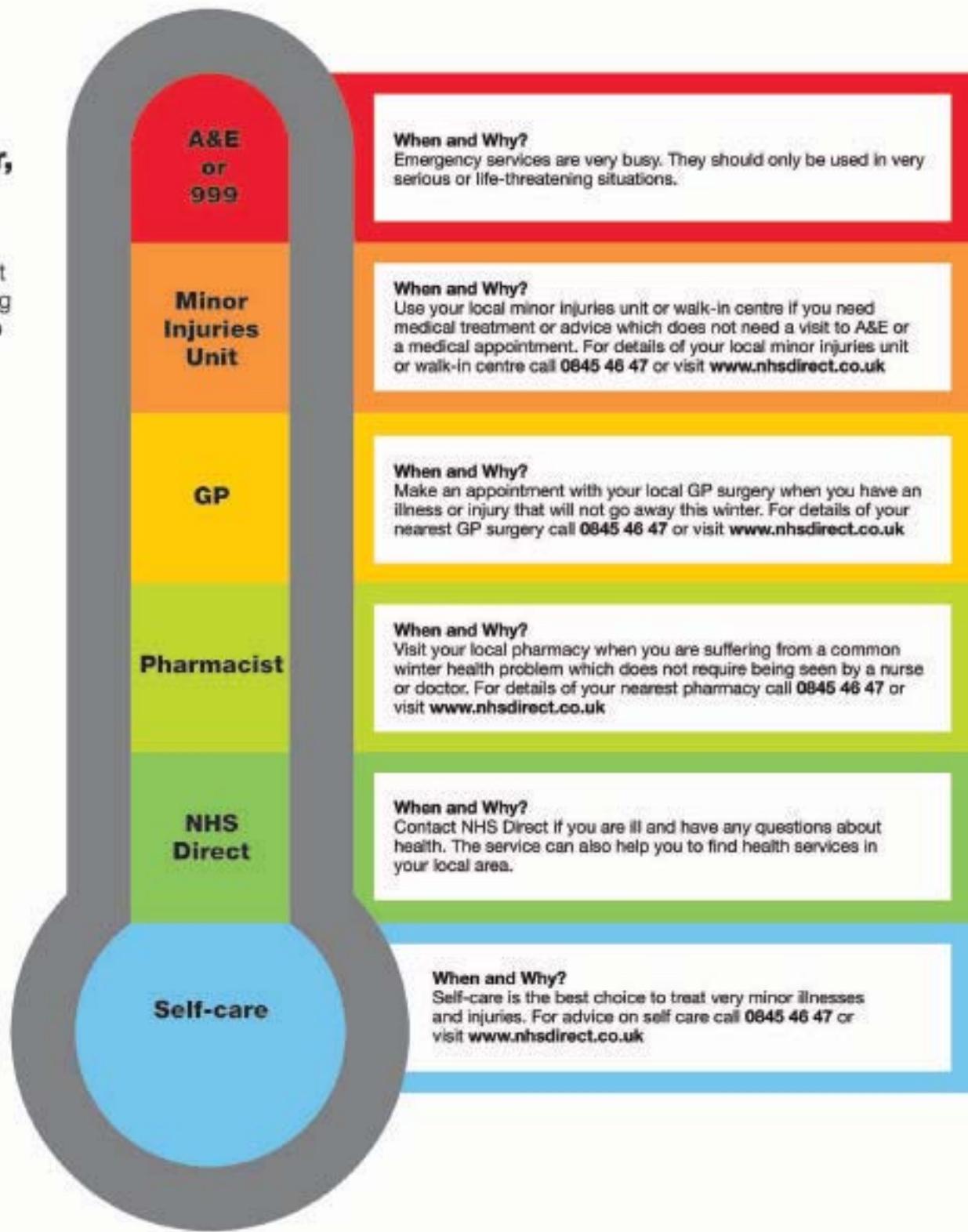
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# Memorial cash helps students make the cut

**HAIR** and beauty students at South Kent College will benefit from a fund set up in memory of a former student.

Gemma Croft, who died five years ago, was studying to be a beauty therapist at the college when she died in a car accident.

Family and friends decided the best way to remember Gemma was to help set up a fund that would help students pay for some of the expensive equipment used on the course.

Jo Manning, Gemma's mother, said: "We are very glad to be part of something she would have been proud of. She struggled with the cost of the course at the time she was studying."

"We were able to help her financially, but some of the students on this course don't have anyone who can help them."

The money goes to students who cannot find grants from any other source. It helps to pay for items such as scissors, waxing kits and the tunics they wear when learning skills for the beauty trade.

More than £2,000 has been raised since the memorial fund began.

Jade Anthony, 23, one of the students who

■ BY ED HILL

benefited from this year's money said: "It has really helped. There is no way I would have been able to do the course without it."

This year the college itself also contributed towards the memorial fund by selling internet Christmas cards. The scheme managed to raise £200 to go towards the general college fund.

Cheques were presented to the three students on the hair and beauty course, Jade Anthony, Joely Anthony and Tammy Daniels, by college principal Monica Box.

Gemma's brother Dan Croft, who was badly injured in the accident that killed his sister, was also at the Jemmott Road campus to see the presentation.

College spokesman Sandy Fleming said: "We carefully choose the students who get the money that has been raised. They have to show they are dedicated and will finish the course. They also have to have no other option where they could get the funds."

South Kent College has campuses at Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone, and Maison Dieu Road in Dover.

## BREAK TIME



## Children learn to beat the cyber bullies

A GROUP of Pent Valley students have been presented with certificates recognising their new roles as CyberMentors, a new scheme to combat online bullying.

Established by charity BeatBullying, the programme is the first nationwide online peer-mentoring social-networking site.

Interviews with some 2,000 young people aged 11-18 by BeatBullying has revealed a growing epidemic, with more than one in three revealing that they have been victim to cyberbullying.

The most common digital environments were found to be mobile text messages, prank mobile-phone calls and content posted on social networking sites.

For the first time, young people suffering at the hands of cyberbullying can seek

immediate help and advice from other young people, known as CyberMentors, at [www.cybermentors.org.uk](http://www.cybermentors.org.uk).

CyberMentors will offer advice and support, but in severe cases where someone could be in immediate danger, they will refer it to a BeatBullying cyber counsellor, who will take action to protect that person.

Students from Pent Valley Technology College, across year groups 7-13, plus five year 6 students from St Mary's Church of England Primary School, attended the two-day course, which will lead to the implementation of a CyberMentor scheme at both Pent Valley and St Mary's.

Chief Inspector Martin Bradley of Kent Police presented the students with their certificates.



**HAIR FUND:** From left, principal Monica Box, marketing manager Simon Bowen, students Joely Anthony, Jade Anthony and Tammy Daniels, Gemma's brother Dan Croft and mother Jo Manning at the cheque presentation

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## TALK TIME

### KEVIN HOWELL

The deputy chairman of the Hythe Chamber of Commerce and Tourism talks to us about his role, living in the town and how to beat the recession



#### Tell us something about yourself.

I've lived in the town since 1978. I started at the Peter Dominic wine merchant chain in 1987 and was made manager's at the Hythe shop in 1989.

#### How did you get involved in the Hythe Chamber of Commerce and Tourism?

Having finally persuaded Chamber head office that being a member was worthwhile, I was happy to join the committee when someone stepped down. It sounds clichéd but it was a chance to repay some of the support that the business had enjoyed from the town.

#### What do you think could be done to help the town survive the recession?

In the current situation, what works for a national chain may not be what is needed by an independent retailer. I would also like to see a bit more control, and budget, given back to town councils.

#### What do you do in your spare time?

I read Terry Pratchett and Stephen King but I also enjoy finding out about wines as well as selling them. Plus I'm chairman of Hythe Twinning Association and enjoy the opportunity to visit other parts of Europe.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Williams must bear up to the facts

IN reply to Harry Williams, firstly I am not in the least pained by his replies since they are very easily punctured.

If he and his ilk do not like being tarred with the bigotry and racist brush, as all informed and sensible commentators regard his party, I suggest he leaves.

Also, I remind him and readers of the recent case of a BNP member being jailed because he had hoarded ammunition in preparation for an attack. Is this the sort you want to consort with Mr Williams?

Further, in last week's edition there was an excellent article about how folk music people are fighting back against the infiltration tactics of the BNP and are organising a music event: Folk Against Fascism in Maidstone. I wish them every success.

As for Mr Griffin et al going to Copenhagen, he went wanting to be a sort of cheerleader for the denialists, but then apparently commented that not dealing with climate change will bring waves of migrants. Which is it? He cannot have it both ways.

Mr Williams makes sweeping statements with barely a single source mentioned about the EU and global warming.

The apparent removal of crosses is in regard to children in Italian schools by a ruling of the Euro Court of Human Rights and is now subject to appeals.

If children, by free choice, want to wear them or other religious signs, then ok, but not if it is



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'forced' by parents or schools.

As regards the polar bear situation, I quote from Polar Bears Intl: "The main threat to polar bears today is the loss of their icy habitat due to climate change."

"Polar bears depend on the sea

ice for hunting, breeding and, in some cases, to den.

"The summer ice loss in the Arctic is now equal to an area the size of Alaska, Texas, and the state of Washington combined.

"At the most recent meeting of

the IUCN Polar Bear Specialist Group (Copenhagen, 2009), scientists reported that of the 19 sub-populations of polar bears, eight are declining, three are stable, seven are indeterminate, and (only) one is increasing."

The vast data from global peer-reviewed science states quite clearly that the world is warming and that it's our fault.

The denialists have never put together any sort of peer-reviewed studies refuting this.

The Antarctic ice sheet may vary in its decrease, but figures from NASA satellite and research show that it is happening.

It is the land-based ice there and on Greenland that could, if we do nothing, lead to up to a 7-metre sea-level rise.

Meanwhile, data from the Arctic has scientists worried about the increasing release of methane, far more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>, which will make things happen even faster.

Finally, what money-grabbing Tory B.Laird does is no surprise to anyone, however, the grandfather of climate science, Prof James Hanson, said before the now 'Brokenhagen' talks that current carbon-trading was nothing more than the 'business as usual' ideas that caused the climate problem.

In more and more informed people's views it's the Green New Deals, along with 'non-growth economic methods' that are going to be needed from now on and that can help alleviate people's concerns about unemployment, pay levels and migration.

Also, by the way, my info comes from far wider sources than Mr Williams says, including other magazines, websites and books – all written by people who know the facts.

Ray Duff, Folkestone

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Thank you Lydd Shepway councillors for supporting Lydd people.

Mrs S Duck, Lydd

## Right royal snub from councillors

WHY is it that in Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's monarchy, we, her subjects, are unable to have the democratic voice that true democratic countries such as Switzerland and Australia have?

Here in this sludge project we have had the complete objection to the idea made by all the residents (electorate) and more besides, completely overlooked by the money-worshipping councillors and county council employees (bureaucrats).

Why is it that our next-door neighbours in France have a greater say in their democracy than we subjects of HM Queen Elizabeth II do here?

And they also get better value for their taxes for which their mayors and councillors account yearly.

Also thinking of the ever-increasing cost and shortage of water, why is it that the contractor Country Style wishes to pollute the waterbeds of Shepway Folkestone Water Company?

Kent County Council raises no objections to it. Kent County Council and Shepway Council have no regard for the health of their tax-paying constituents.

E Pettinger, Hythe

## You can't disguise the burka facts

NIGEL Farage wishes the wearing of burkas or nikabs to be banned.

I think a complete ban is a step too far, mainly because it would be unenforceable.

However, I do agree that anyone wearing a garment that obscures the face should be prohibited from entering any bank, building society, airport, bus, train, national museum or other such public building.

If someone wishes to walk down

the street wearing such a garment I see no objection to it, but they should expect frequent security checks from the police.

People wearing a disguise should be regarded with suspicion and not as people making a fashion or religious statement.

Prevention of terrorism is more important than going to excessive lengths to avoid giving offence to those who are often far too ready to take offence where none is intended.

As an Anglo-Saxon whose ancestors have lived in this country for many centuries, I resent having to produce identification plus my gas bill or similar when I want to open another account in a bank where I have been a customer for 50 years!

On the other hand I was amused rather than annoyed on one occasion when I was stopped in the street by the police when wearing a balaclava.

I think it is time the major political parties recognised the very real concerns of ordinary people who are no longer permitted to say what they think in case they offend someone.

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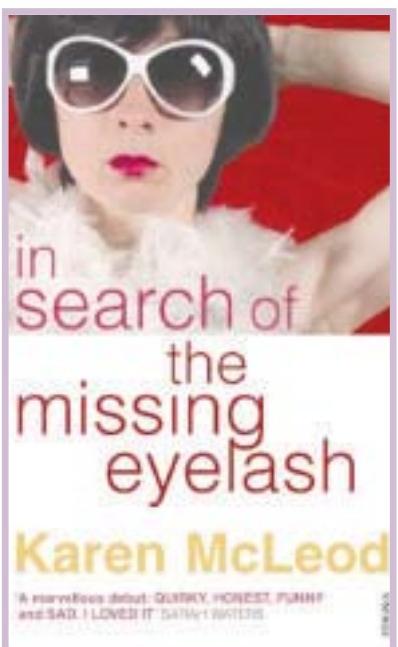


AWARD-WINNING writer and cabaret performer Karen McLeod visits Dover next week to talk about her work.

McLeod will be reading from her first book, In Search of the Missing Eyelash, and talking about the inspiration for her writing at the Discovery Centre next week. She will also discuss her new book, which is due to be published this year. There will also be opportunities to quiz McLeod during a question and answer session.

The 37-year-old from Penge, South London, saw her first book published by Vintage and won a Betty Trask Award in 2007. As well as writing for the Guardian, she is also a cabaret performer and trained as a performance artist at Cardiff University before becoming an air hostess. She took redundancy to concentrate on writing her second novel.

The talk is being held as part of Kent County Council's celebrations of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans Month. More information can be found online at [www.lgbthistory-month.org.uk](http://www.lgbthistory-month.org.uk). The talk starts at 7.30pm and admission costs £2. For details call 01303 204241 or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.kent.gov.uk/libraries).



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Goodnight, San Francisco.

Joining them is Andrea Glass, a Manchester-based artist who gave up teaching career to follow her dream in Nashville. There she recorded her debut album, Stood Under Stars, and went on to

win the acclaim of Bob Harris, Joe Fish and Maverick Magazine.

The concert starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £12 in advance or £14 on the door. To book call Maverick Live on 01622 744481.

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A hot two-course lunch is included in the cost of the course. Made from local and seasonal ingredients, many of them grown at Sissinghurst Castle Farm, the meal will be served in the Granary Restaurant.

The courses run from 9am to 4pm both days and admission costs £35 including lunch and all materials. It is essential to book, so call 01580 710700 to reserve a place.

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#### Henry brings his band for night of classic rock

FANS of classic rock and indie music should head down to the Folkestone Railway Club this weekend for some great live tunes.

Henry's Rock Band will be performing live at the club in Canterbury Road, Folkestone, on Saturday. Find out more at [www.myspace.com/henrysrockband](http://www.myspace.com/henrysrockband).

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#### Quartet to entertain jazz fans at The Grand

WEEKLY jazz nights continue at The Grand in Folkestone with a performance by the Dave Crosby Quartet.

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#### A new name but the song remains the same

THE best of rock and blues from a golden era can be heard live in Folkestone.

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Sabotage will be at the Firs Club in Firs Lane. For information about the venue call 01303 278667 or visit [www.firsclub.co.uk](http://www.firsclub.co.uk).

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THE ROAD (15)



The future isn't bright in John Hillcoat's Oscar-tipped, post-apocalyptic thriller, adapted by Joe Penhall from the novel by Cormac McCarthy, who also wrote No Country For Old Men.

# From small budget film to mainstream marvel

■ BY SHEREEN LOW

ON paper, a film about an obese illiterate teenager, pregnant with her father's child, doesn't seem destined for box office success.

Yet this is the story that drew the interest of A-list stars Mariah Carey, Lenny Kravitz and Oprah Winfrey, and, with their help, has been propelled from a small budget independent movie into a mainstream marvel.

Precious has been a runaway hit at film festivals, took a respectable \$1.8 million in its opening weekend in the States – and, as the awards season moves into top gear has an incredible Oscar buzz.

It has already won awards for its cast, including newcomer Gabourey Sidibe in the title role and Mariah Carey and Mo'Nique supporting, and filmmaker Lee Daniels.

With the financial backing of media heavyweights Winfrey and Tyler Perry, the once-independent film soon became a force to be reckoned with, touching hearts with its rawness and honesty.

For its young star Sidibe, Precious has already had a life-changing impact, transforming her prospects from receptionist to burgeoning actress.

The 26-year-old gushes: "It's amazing. We did a small movie with a small budget, and we didn't know if anyone would ever see it."

"We're just so grateful that we've been able to reach enough people to make a difference. I don't know if we've made a difference yet, but people come up and thank us at screenings, because this is their story."

Among Sidibe's co-stars is queen of pop Mariah Carey who has won rave reviews for her portrayal of dowdy social worker Mrs Weiss.



**SINGING HER PRAISES:** A-list star Mariah Carey has been transformed into a dowdy social worker in Precious

For Mariah, whose 2001 semi-autobiographical film Glitter was panned, Precious has been an opportunity to reinvent herself as an actress, even if she did have to forego her make-up.

"It was a fright!" she exclaims.

"Lee had a very specific look for my character. The overhead lighting was not my friend

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and I hated the way my hair looked – Lee knew what he was doing to me and he loved it.

"But it was cool because a lot of people tell me they don't recognise me in the film, they don't know it's me, and to me, that was a great gift that Lee gave me to be able to go that far away from who I am."

Director Daniels, who initially approached Dame Helen Mirren for the part, adds: "I think that she embraced it with gusto. I said, 'Mariah, you've got to come solo. You can't come with your posse, you can't come with a scrubbed face, there's no make-up. We've got to make you more ugly!'

"I knew she could do it, but I didn't think she would go to where she went. I'm so happy because her performance is so unexpected."

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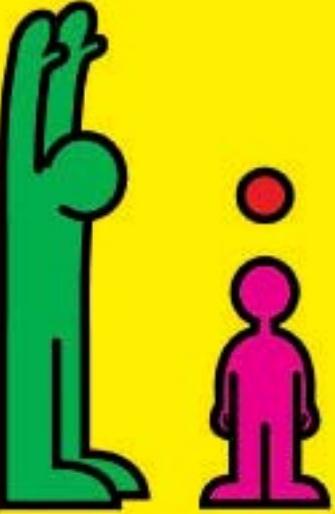
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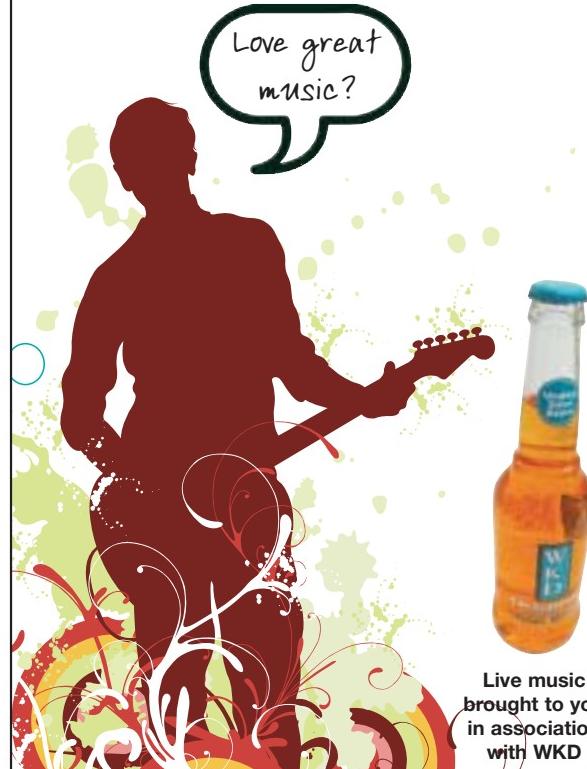
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# Reality gets real as Harlots bridge purists' integrity gap

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

BATTLE lines have been drawn – a musical war is nigh.

The forthcoming conflict has been born from the Christmas Number One skirmish, which saw online warriors backing Rage Against The Machine defeat fans of fresh-faced X Factor winner Joe McElderry.

First blood to 'real' music.

But the 'reality' soldiers will have their chance to strike back in the summer, with the return of Britain's Got Talent, which gave the world SuBo, and yet another series of The X Factor.

Facebook fighters are already planning their next moves, offering up other non-pop, non-manufactured bands and artists to compete against these shows' winners for the title of top of the pops.

Where will this madness end?

What's needed is a 'proper band' to enter a reality show to bridge the divide, appealing to both X Factor-loving teens and integrity-driven live-music-lovers.

Enter Scarlet Harlots.

The Birmingham five-piece shot to fame last year after reaching the finals of Channel 4's talent show Orange Unsigned Act, therefore placating the X Factor contingent.

They've also earned their stripes on the live scene, supporting the likes of Jamie T, Young Knives, The Twang and Reverend And The Makers.

So there's an appeal for each army.

Maybe, just maybe, the coming all-out chart war can be averted by these indie-pop pin-ups. One can only hope.



You can catch them live at The Tunbridge Wells Forum on Friday, February 19, and Quarterhouse, Folkestone, the following day.

Other acts on the Forum line-up include We Have Black Bones, Polka Party and Bareface.

Support in Folkestone comes from Ex Lovers, Elephants and The Inside Plan.

A Quarterhouse spokesman said: "Scarlet Harlots have been together in this line-up for two years and have supported many successful bands."

"They are now releasing their first EP, Word is Bone, Back is Strong, in April on the independent records label Cut And Come Again."

For more information about this and other gigs, visit [www.quarterhouse.co.uk](http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk).

Tickets can be booked by phoning 01303 858500.

**REAL ARTISTS:** Scarlet Harlots will be supported at the Tunbridge Wells Forum by Ex-Lovers (below)



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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

### THE REAL HUSTLE

BBC3, 10.30pm, Thursday

### MAD MEN

BBC4, 10pm, Wednesday

THE Real Hustle is a fascinating show that casts a little light on the world of conning people out of money or possessions.

Loosely based on the hit-and-miss BBC One show Hustle, it highlights just how easily we can all be conned, not just by sharp tricks and a devilishly-planned scheme, but by people who just have the confidence and the front to try it on and by preying on people's unwillingness to cause a scene.

Watching some of the scams, and later seeing how they are done, you wonder why you never thought of it – and then you remember, it's because you're not a lying scumbag with no conscience.

After I'd seen this show I felt instantly less likely to be taken in by people in the future, but sometimes the schemes are so inventive and complex that you can see how people are fooled by seemingly innocent and everyday situations.

And for the fellas out here, the extremely attractive Jessica Jane-Clement is also involved.

Just don't fall for her charms, as she'll probably rob you blind!

I'm not sure if there are enough words in the world to describe just how good my latest obsession, Mad Men, is.

It is a challenge simply trying to sum up how quirky, stylish and generally brilliant this show is because it is very different to anything else out there right now.

The goings-on of a 1960s American advertising agency does not sound like the most thrilling subject matter, but I guarantee that if you give this multi-award-winning show a chance you too



**SMOOTH OPERATOR:** Ad man Don Draper is a fast worker in the boardroom and the bedroom may get hooked. The series revolves around the conflicted world of the mysterious and good-looking Don Draper, the smoothest man in Manhattan.

He is the top dog at agency Sterling Cooper but spends more time bedding beautiful women behind his wife's back than he does closing accounts.

In short, he's the kind of man that every bloke I know would kill to be like.

As Don makes the plays in both boardroom and bedroom, he struggles to stay a step ahead of the ambitious young executives at his heels.

The characterisation is superb and, set among the ever-changing social background of 1960s America, Mad Men is beautifully staged and acted.

Series three of this sexy show has just started on BBC Four and it's well worth trying to catch up, like I have.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

MONEY will become more readily available than it has in the past. Suddenly you'll be able to afford luxuries that were previously beyond your means. Don't feel guilty about spending money on yourself – there's nothing wrong with treating yourself.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

ALTHOUGH you're not especially fond of attention, it looks likely the spotlight will be firmly trained on you. Take this opportunity to show off your creative work, make proposals and make new friends. Your popularity will attract a host of new opportunities.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



### ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

THE past few months have been extremely busy ones for you. An endless round of parties, meetings and social outings kept you out and about. And while all the company was gratifying, it was also exhausting. At long last, you have an opportunity to slow down and smell the flowers.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

EXPANDING your horizons is becoming important. Usually, you gravitate to familiar surroundings and people. This has changed and the prospect of exploring foreign countries, sampling exotic cuisines and mixing with people from all walks of life is exciting you. So go for it.

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### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IMPROVING your health is an increasingly important priority. You're sick and tired of feeling sick and tired. If this means changing your diet, ramping up your exercise routine and getting more sleep, so be it. Destructive addictions and eating disorders need to be tackled, too.

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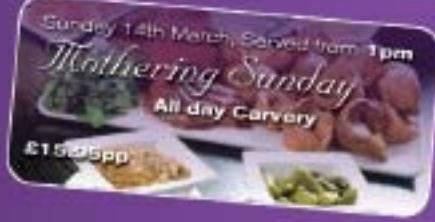
### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THIS is probably a good time to invest in some nice suitcases, as it looks like there's a series of trips in the cards for you. Make sure your passport is up-to-date and that you have all the vaccinations necessary to go abroad. You could be sent away quite suddenly.

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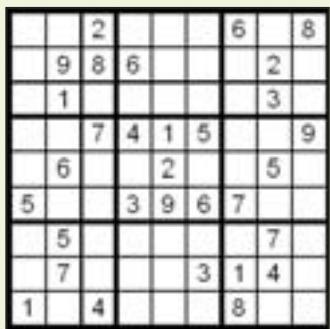
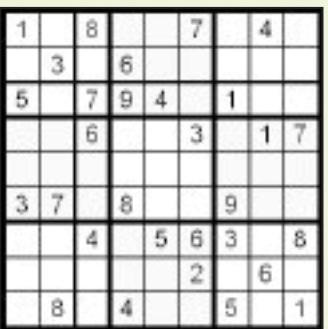
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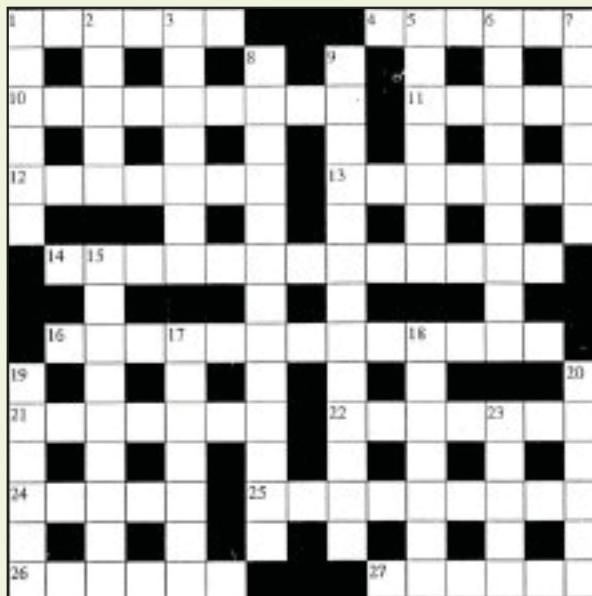
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 4 Some fibre mentor took from city (6)  
 10 Dismiss clergy having coarse material (9)  
 11 Servant Virginia has permit (5)  
 12 Stuffing piece of hair behind security device (7)  
 13 Former sort of status being born, mother concluded (7)  
 14 Round moat, round and airy! (13)  
 16 How Sadie might compare notes? (8,5)  
 21 Having become preoccupied, faxed it off (7)  
 22 Fine clue compiled by accountant for small merchant vessel (7)  
 24 Carry something heavy or awkward in Scotland (5)  
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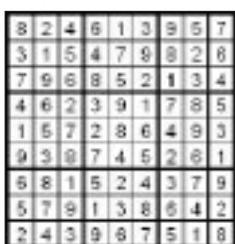
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 3 Pass round small picture first, it's a flute (7)  
 5 From freezer a violinist took pasta (7)  
 6 Mum includes older sort of play (9)  
 7 Very short period less than a nanosecond (2,4)  
 8 Peep (4,2,34)  
 9 Revolutionary with that Parisian banner of revolution seen at end of race (9,4)  
 15 Not liable for duty (3-6)  
 17 Hit below the mouth in Herts (7)  
 18 Do record one in either end of Hunstanton finding sea-mammal (7)  
 19 Asian hound? (6)  
 20 Clown stopped short with the German fish (6)  
 23 Carol mixed reddish-pink colour (5)

**SCRIBBLE HERE****QUICK CLUES****ACROSS**

- 1 Pillar (6)  
 4 Prodigal (6)  
 10 Aware (2,3,4)  
 11 Outshine (5)  
 12 Gift (informal) (7)  
 13 English (anag.) (7)  
 14 Grit one's teeth (4,3,4,2)  
 16 Elucidation (13)  
 21 Essential oil (7)  
 22 One trying to influence officials (7)  
 24 Below (5)  
 25 Underpants (4,5)  
 26 Tapering sword (6)  
 27 Gaoled (anag.) (3-3)

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- 1 Carpenter (6)  
 2 Milky coffee (5)  
 3 Muslim official (7)  
 5 United States (7)  
 6 Disguised (9)  
 7 Rope (6)  
 8 For the last time (4,3,3)  
 9 Adventurous (13)  
 15 Trendsetter (4,5)  
 17 Rented again (7)  
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 19 Discharge (6)  
 20 Levered (6)  
 23 Boorish lout (5)

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# Expect a sweet time in Belgium

■ BY BELINDA SZONERT

BITING into an exquisite chocolate is one of life's little pleasures, and for generations master chocolatiers have been tempting us with their creations.

Belgium is famed the world over for its chocolate, but the pretty medieval city of Bruges probably takes the crown when it comes to crafting the sticky stuff into works of art.

Bruges has been dubbed "the world's chocolate capital", and with a chocolate shop around every corner and even a chocolate museum, it's not difficult to see why.

Chocolate aside, Bruges, which is easily accessible from the port of Zeebrugge, is a great place to visit at any time of the year with its quaint cobbled streets, grand architecture and network of canals.

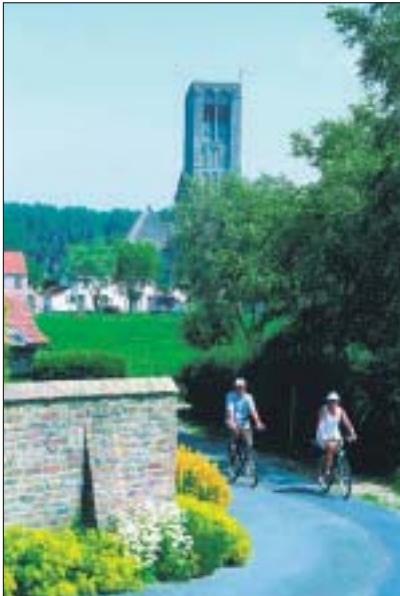
There are also countless bars, cafés and restaurants, from authentic pubs to trendy eating places and famous gourmet restaurants, and accommodation to suit all pockets.

There are famous landmarks to visit – the entire historic city centre is a UNESCO World Heritage site – as well as offbeat and more traditional museums and great shopping. And so many designer names have expensive shops in the city that some parts feel like a pricey corner of London's West End.

Bruges boasts no fewer than 47 chocolate shops, some more quirky than others, including that of renowned chocolatier Dominique Persoone, who designed The Chocolate Shooter.

At The Chocolate Line, chocolate aficionados can use the device to send a blast of cocoa powder up the nose – a truly strange sensation and a unique way to get a chocolate high!

All things chocolate are found at Choco-Story, the chocolate museum devoted to the



**PICTURESQUE:** Cycle from Bruges to charming Damme

history of the cocoa bean and its by-product, and where chocolates are made by hand and sampled on the premises.

Belgium is also reckoned to have invented the chip, and there is even a museum dedicated to that other diet-essential when visiting Bruges. The Frietmuseum claims the title of the first and only museum dedicated to chips.

Here you see how the potato originated in Peru more than 10,000 years ago, and learn just about all there is to know about chips. A necessary part of this learning experience is to sample some – complete with a generous dollop

of mayonnaise in true Belgian style, naturally.

Belgian beer is widely regarded as among the best, so many visitors are keen to tour the De Halve Maan family brewery – the city's last working one – and museum.

There are some steep flights of stairs to negotiate as the brewing process is explained, but the reward is a panoramic view of Bruges from the roof and a welcome glass of the house brew, Brugse Zot (Bruges Fool), in the family's tavern afterwards.

With calories from scrumptious chocolates, mayonnaise-smothered chips and the occasional local tipple mounting at an alarming rate, you may feel a need for exercise before long.

My solution was a gentle cycle-ride from the centre of Bruges to the nearby town of Damme. Belgians, like their Dutch neighbours, are a bike-friendly race and motorists readily give way to cyclists and acknowledge a wave of thanks.

To begin with, the cobbles of Bruges don't afford a comfortable ride.

But once outside the town, the track follows a much smoother, canalside cycle path.

Riding alongside the Damse Vaart, the canal which once served as an important trade route between Bruges and Damme, is fun and a much greener way to reach your destination.

After a steady ride of about half an hour, taking in the peaceful Belgian countryside dotted with grazing cattle, picturesque Damme comes into view.

Damme is renowned for its gastronomy and boasts 25 restaurants, including the Taverne De Spieghel. It serves the traditional Flemish dish of waterzooi, a delicious chicken stew, washed down with a glass of the local brew – the nine per cent-proof Damse Tripel.

No further excuse is needed to expand your experience of Belgium beyond Bruges, which is of course the richest of treasures in itself.

## FACT FILE: BELGIUM

**Time difference** +One hour (GMT)

**Language** Dutch (main), French and German

**Population** About 10,400,000

**Currency** Euro

**Religion** Roman Catholic

### Travel Details

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Destination information on Bruges or Damme available from Tourism Flanders and Brussels on 020 7307 7738, or visit [www.visitflanders.co.uk](http://www.visitflanders.co.uk).

Useful websites include [www.choco-story.be](http://www.choco-story.be), [www.frietmuseum.be](http://www.frietmuseum.be), [www.halvemaan.be](http://www.halvemaan.be), [www.brugge.be](http://www.brugge.be) and [www.toerismedamme.be](http://www.toerismedamme.be).



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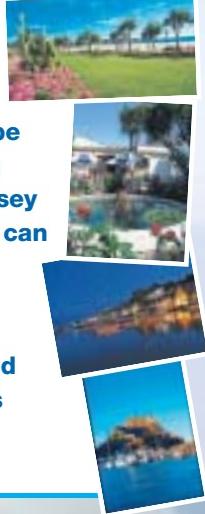
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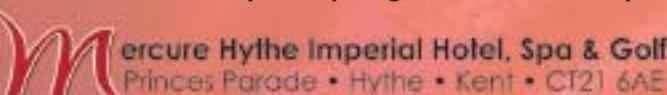
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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Prices still on the way up, but growth slowing

THE Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) has reported that house price growth slowed in December.

Almost one third of surveyors reported price gains rather than falls during the month, but the positive balance was lower than in the previous two months.

RICS did point out that a shortage of properties on the market is continuing to drive up house prices and it is predicting further gains in the early part of this year, but this will be followed by modest falls in the latter half, resulting in an overall rise of one to two per cent.

Many other experts are predicting house prices will be flat over the next 12 months.

RICS spokesman Jeremy Leaf said: "The recent loss of momentum in prices and the moderation in new buyer interest can be in part attributed to the housing market pulling down its shutters for Christmas."

Many analysts were surprised by the strength in house prices last year. RICS said house prices rose for the seventh consecutive month in December.

This corresponded with many other house price indices with Halifax reporting that prices were 1.1 per cent higher in December compared with a year ago - the first annual rise since March 2008.

### Aviva's £200 million investment scheme

AVIVA Investors has raised more than £200 million for its UK Real Estate Recovery Fund, which will invest in British commercial property over a five-year period.

Since the fund's launch at the end of November 2009, it has bought three properties, with two more due to be acquired soon, adding up to about £50 million pounds in investments so far, the company said in a statement.

"The fund's strategy is to acquire lower-risk assets that are let to strong covenants on long leases in sectors and sub-sectors that we forecast to be top performers," said fund manager Rob Walton.

"We are currently working on a strong pipeline of other opportunities and look to be fully invested by mid 2010," he added.

Aviva Investors, which managed more than £21 billion worth of real estate assets globally at end-June 2009, said the property fund is targeted at institutional investors.



# Fifty years of property trends tracked in report

■ BY NICK AMES

A REPORT from the Halifax looks at how the housing market has changed over the last 50 years.

The average UK house price has increased by 273 per cent since 1959 in real terms, after allowing for retail price inflation.

The average annual rate of growth has been 2.7 per cent; this is faster than the two per cent per annum average rise in real earnings over the same period.

House prices recorded their biggest increase in the latest decade, with a real rise of 62 per cent during the 2000s - marginally ahead of the 61 per cent increase in the 1980s.

UK house prices increased by 174 per cent at an annual average of 2.5 per cent from 1969 to 2009.

Greater London has seen the biggest house price growth over that period, with a real rise of 229 per cent at an average annual rate of three per cent. Scotland has recorded the smallest increase, with a real rise of 120 per cent at an average annual rate of two per cent.

There has been remarkably little change in the ranking of the different regions of the UK over the last 40 years.

Greater London and the South East remain the most expensive parts of the country, while Yorkshire and the Humber continues to have the lowest average property prices.

The worst performing decade for house prices was the 1990s, when prices fell by 22 per cent in real terms.

Pronounced cycles have been a key feature of the housing market since 1959, with four distinct periods of rapid real house price growth. These were 1971 to 73; 1977 to 80; 1985 to 89; and 1998 to 2007. Each of these periods was followed by a significant fall in real house prices.

Owner-occupation in the UK has risen by 25 percentage points from 43 per cent in 1961 to 68 per cent in 2008. The biggest increase occurred in the 1980s, following the introduction of the Right to Buy scheme.

The private rental sector was bigger than both the owner-occupied and social rented sec-



tors until the mid 1950s. Over the years, however, the proportion of privately rented homes has fallen significantly, from 33 per cent in 1961 to 14 per cent in 2008.

There has also been a recent increase in the private rented sector, from nine per cent in 1991 to 14 per cent in 2008.

There has been a marked shift in the type of properties built over the past 50 years, namely the rise of detached properties and the decline of semi-detached homes.

Semi-detached properties account for the largest proportion of the current English housing stock built between 1945 and 1964 (41 per cent).

Detached homes represent just 10 per cent

of the housing stock that was constructed during this period.

In contrast, detached properties account for more than a third (36 per cent) of the English housing stock built after 1980; more than any other property type. Semis account for 15 per cent of the post-1980 housing stock.

The number of houses built in the UK was an estimated 156,816 in 2009; 44 per cent less than the 281,570 built in 1959. House building reached record levels during the 1960s, with a peak of 425,800 units completed in 1968.

Private sector completions (226,100) also reached a record in that year. The decline in house building has been driven by a fall in public sector completions.

## First-time buyers likely to stick with renting

NEW figures from the Department of Communities and Local Government indicate that in November house prices were 0.6 per cent higher than a year earlier, with the average cost of a home standing at £200,454.

According to lettingsearch.co.uk this is good news for landlords, who have taken a bashing on their investments and could now see some annual growth.

The research also revealed that new

entrants to the housing market faced a significant hike, with the average price paid by first-time buyers up 3.9 per cent year-on-year, while former owner-occupiers paid 0.7 per cent less.

The property portal's managing director, Phil Calderbank, said: "First-time buyers in particular will further delay their move on to the housing ladder, as renting is set to remain the only affordable option in the foreseeable future. For landlords this will ensure a steady

or even increased supply of tenants."

Meanwhile, David Brown commercial director of LSL Property Services, said: "In November, house prices were nearly four per cent more expensive for first-time buyers than 2008 - not to mention the restricted availability of affordable mortgage finance."

He added: "First-time buyers will stay put in the rental sector, keeping demand from tenants strong in the coming year."

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- 2 bedroom terrace
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- No chain



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- 2 bed apartment
- Lots of features
- Shared garden and no chain



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- 4 Bedroom terraced
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- Large rooms



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- 3 bedroom terraced
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FOLKESTONE £199,995

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- Off road parking
- Close to train station



FOLKESTONE £129,950

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- 1-2 bed apartment
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- Off road parking



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- 2 bed retirement home
- No chain
- Good condition



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- Studio-2 bed, Newly renovated
- Off road parking/DG/GCH



WEST END £175,000

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- Roof terrace
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CAPEL-LE-FERNE £299,995

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- 3 bed detached bungalow
- No chain
- OSP & single garage



FOLKESTONE £139,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03131

- 3 bedroom terrace
- Private rear garden
- GCH/DG



FOLKESTONE £274,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03129

- 3 bed detached bungalow
- Sea views
- No chain



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- Sea views



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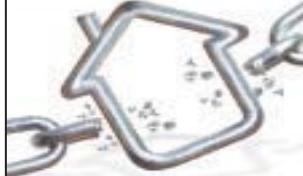
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<p><b>DOVER</b></p>  <p><b>Dover 01304 201806</b></p> <p><b>£140,000</b></p> <p>One bedroom ground floor apartment in the much sought after block The Gateway. Commanding an unrivalled position on the Dover sea front with views of the harbour and ferry port to the front and the Dover Castle on the cliff top to the rear.</p>	<p><b>FOLKESTONE</b></p>  <p><b>Folkestone 01303 259211</b>  <b>AWAITING PHOTO</b></p> <p><b>£180,000</b></p> <p>Central location. Well situated for railway station. Arranged over four floors. Useful basement rooms. Two reception rooms. Four bedrooms. No chain.</p>
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<p><b>DOVER</b></p>  <p><b>Dover 01304 201806</b></p> <p><b>£210,000</b></p> <p>Three bedroom detached chalet style home in an elevated corner position with views. Very private rear garden and a detached garage.</p>	<p><b>DOVER</b></p>  <p><b>Dover 01304 201806</b></p> <p><b>OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £400,000</b></p> <p>Architect designed detached bungalow in much sought after area. Comprising three bedrooms, fantastic lounge/diner and enviable views.</p>	<p><b>FOLKESTONE</b></p> <p>Folkestone 01303 259211</p>  <p><b>£75,000</b></p> <p>This ground floor flat comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom/WC. There is central heating and no chain.</p>	<p><b>FOLKESTONE</b></p> <p>Folkestone 01303 259211</p>  <p><b>£115,000</b></p> <p>Two bedroom lower ground floor flat within close proximity to local amenities and train line to London. Offered for sale with no chain.</p>	<p><b>FOLKESTONE</b></p> <p>Folkestone 01303 259211</p>  <p><b>FIXED PRICE £139,995</b></p> <p>Mid terrace, three storey property with scope for further updating. Lounge/diner and kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom/WC and fixed staircase to loft conversion offering a third bedroom.</p>
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**PRESTON £193,000 OFFERS INVITED**

Detached timber framed bungalow on a spacious plot, village of Wingham, two beds, living room, kitchen/dining room, shower room, d. glazed conservatory, additional plot included approx. 70 x 26 for parking or garage etc.

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Three bedroom home situated within the heart of the conservation area of Sandwich. Walled courtyard garden, garage, living/dining room, kitchen, gfl WC, first floor bathroom. Well presented. Call now to view.

**EASTRY £395,000 OFFERS INVITED**

Detached property, four bedrooms, bathroom and shower room, Inglenook, attached annex, generous size plot, driveway and garage, sought after street in village location, in need of modernisation/refurbishment.

**EASTRY £175,000**

Extended three bedroom semi situated on a corner plot, living room, dining room, kitchen, ground floor shower room with WC, gardens to front, side and rear, potential for off road parking, offered with no onward chain!

**SANDWICH £359,950**

Immaculately presented four bed detached 1920's home, en-suite, family bathroom, extended kitchen/breakfast room, utility, ground floor landing WC, living/dining room, gas fired central heating and d. glazing, parking & garden.

**SANDWICH £420,000**

Period family home in the conservation area of Sandwich, four bedrooms, accommodation over 3 floors, landscaped rear garden, Inglenook, living room, dining room, kitchen, garage. No Chain. NHBC Certificate.

**SANDWICH £295,000 O.I.E.O.**

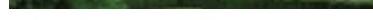
Grade II listed period home, spacious accommodation, period features, situated within the heart of Sandwich Conservation area, cellar, double bedrooms, courtyard gardens, must be viewed!

**WALMER**

Well presented cottage in the Conservation Area of Walmer. Two double beds, living/dining room, spacious kitchen, GFL WC, walled courtyard garden, DG, GFCH. No Chain, NHBC Certificate.

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**EASTRY £315,000**

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2 bedroom ground floor flat with communal gardens, private parking, village of Kingsdown, spacious living room and fitted kitchen.

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**LOOKIN 4 A GUY WHO'S EASY ON THE EYE!** Slim female, 25, medium-curvy build, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, WLTM tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 426464 **T P**

**NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...** Blued eye Brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GOSH to get to know. Box 880105 **T P**

**SOUND GOOD?** Social lady, 29, likes walks, swimming, yoghurt, like to meet a man, 30-55 for lots of fun. Brighton, Box 463984 **T**

**FANCY A CUDDLE?** Loving single mum, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5ft3, slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male. Canterbury, Box 464326 **T**

**COULD I BE THE ONE?** Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone, Box 464835 **T**

**HORSES FOR COURSES...** Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 440103 **T**

**A FAIRYTALE ENDING!** Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more? Box 877957 **T P**

**HAPPY DAYS!** Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair, with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells, Box 308734 **T P**

**FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...** Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 **T**

**SEALED WITH A KISS** Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453078 **T**

**STARRY NIGHTS** Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878738 **T**

**GROW OLD WITH ME** Single mum, 37 yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164 **T**

**SEIZE THE DAY** Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **T**

**LOVE TO LOVE YOU** Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 440693 **T**

**HISTORIC MEETING?** Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **T**

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**CAN'T SMILE WITHOUT YOU**

Professional female, 41, 5ft, brown hair/eyes, likes country pubs and walks, looking for a gent, 42-55, to have a happy future with. Gillingham Box 462538 **T**

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**LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL** Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc.

Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gosh for friendship/relationship. Box 446674 **T**

**ETERNALLY YOURS** Easygoing woman, likes most things in life; country walks, films, cinema, cooking, I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build, WLTM genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 446535 **T**

**ANY TAKERS?** Divorced single mum, 49, 5ft4, single mom, 49, 5ft4, medium build, likes cinema, looking for a man with similar qualities to share my life with. Box 446559 **T**

**MAKE IT ENJOYABLE** Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester, Box 464557 **T**

**DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?** Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5ft9, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a loving and caring male for a LTR. Box 446068 **T**

**STAY TRUE** Attractive, curvy, single mum, size 18, 44, kind, genuine, 55+, loyal, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea, Box 461830 **T**

**JUST IMAGINE** Petite, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to find where she fits us! Box 893562 **T**

**HERE AND NOW** Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, sees man to love forever. Box 449524 **T**

**THE RIGHT FIT** Big lady (51), looking for decent, genuine man. I'm attractive, and very so go on, give me a try! I like cooking and family life. Box 862888 **T**

**FAMILY LIFE** Warm hearted lady, 51, look younger! I'm 5ft6, slim build, with blonde hair, divorced (grown up children). WLTM nice man, 40's/50's in the Aylesford area. Box 461834 **T**

**LOVELY SHORTIE** Shorty 5ft1 old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-56, with gosh to enjoy evenings out, maintaining conversations and fun. Box 452311 **T**

**NOTHING VENTURED....** Hi there, I'm a Sussex based, 51yr old woman. I love eating out, historical sites etc. Looking for kind gent for friendship, evenings out, maybe more. Box 451914 **T**

**WALKS ALONG THE COAST** Honest & sincere female, 58, 5ft2, medium build, blonde hair, likes swimming, holidays, the sea! WLTM tall man with good heart for love. Box 448240 **T**

**PISCES OR CAPRICORN?** Star-struck lady, 59, 5ft3, medium build, blonde hair, likes swimming, holidays, the sea! WLTM tall man with good heart for love. Box 462182 **T**

**LOTS OF HUGS** Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5ft4, red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe. I enjoy art walks, seeing similar male, lively, intelligent man, lovely, reliable. Box 464036 **T**

**SIMPLE PLEASURES** I'm a 51yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build. I love dancing, walking with the sea and WLTM like minded gent. Box 459467 **T**

**WOULD LIKE TO BE HAPPY** Looking for someone who enjoys the simple things in life; wind and rain in my face, 53, red hair, warm rains love mowing the lawn. Box 860558 **T**

**IT COULD BE US** Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent, Box 464601 **T**

**BRIGHTENING UP** Cuddly lady, 61, 5ft5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more. WLTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214 **T**

**ONLY LOVE** Classy, intelligent, happy, slim, attractive, fit and active lady, 60, gosh, enjoys travel, gardening etc. Looking for that special friend to share life with. Box 863791 **T P**

**AYLESFORD ROMANCE** Hi my name is Mary, 62, looking for friendship with a kind, honest man. I like walking, meals out and holidays...how about we have a coffee? Box 866080 **T**

**COME ON OVER TO MY PLACE** Fun-loving male, 40, 6ft, short dark hair, brown eyes, 5ft6, medium-large build, likes cycling and walking to keep fit, and boats! WLTM slim black lady for possible LTR. Box 464118 **T**

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**HELP ME OPEN UP** Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, cinema, sharing a nice bottle of wine with. Box 444585 **T**

**YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET** Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring partner with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield, Box 889410 **T**

**COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE** Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, WLTM genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 446535 **T**

**SMART MOVE** Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, 5ft2, medium build, WLTM genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 449864 **T**

**MAKE IT ENJOYABLE** Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 55, 5ft2, medium build, WLTM genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 449865 **T**

**LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!** Smart petite lady, 53, 5ft1, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, music, swimming. WLTM friendly, caring male. Box 446086 **T**

**IS THERE ONE OUT THERE FOR MET** Nice guy, 33, 5ft9, slim, likes walking, cycling, running, sees nice, caring, loving woman like myself. Chatham, Box 465140 **T**

**IS THERE ONE OUT THERE FOR ME?** Smart petite lady, 33, 5ft1, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, music, swimming. WLTM friendly, caring male. Box 465141 **T**

**TAKE THE PLUNGE** Slim, sporty male, 35, 5ft6, blue eyes, blonde hair, likes sports, football, pubs, clubs, romantic night in/out, seeking a caring lady for a ltr. Aylesford, Box 464136 **T**

**HURT NO MORE** Honest sincere female, 56, 5ft6, blonde hair/blue eyes, slim, likes the usual pubs, clubs, meals, gosh and films; seeks fun lady for honest relationship. Aylesford, Box 462866 **T**

**BE YOURSELF** Outgoing lady, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate, Box 465760 **T**

**MUSIC TO MY EARS** Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5ft3, slim build, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 449914 **T**

**WALKS ALONG THE COAST** Honest & sincere female, 58, 5ft2, medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes swimming, holidays, the sea! WLTM tall man with good heart for love. Box 448240 **T**

**INTERESTED?** Shy at first, I'm male, 37, and enjoy gardening, walks. Seeking a woman, look uninterested, single and ready for a loving relationship. Box 464897 **T**

**CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?** Hi all I'm 37, 5ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take care of me. Box 451503 **T**

**INTERESTED?** Shy at first, I'm male, 37, and enjoy gardening, walks. Seeking a woman, look uninterested, single and ready for a loving relationship. Box 464897 **T**

**MAKING A CONNECTION** Easygoing male, 50, 5ft6, medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes swimming, holidays, the sea! WLTM tall man with good heart for love. Box 462866 **T**

**BOTTLE OF WINE** Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft6, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, films, eating out, going for a walk. Box 464218 **T**

**A BETTER TOMORROW** Ashford area, I'm a kind, loving male, 44, dark hair/blue eyes, 5ft6, medium build, WLTM caring, loving woman, the countryside, seeking a similar lady 37-57. Ashford, Box 464118 **T**

**CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?** Genuine gentleman, 59, 5ft9, SOH, seeking similar lady to take care of me. Box 458429 **T**

**2 SEATS PLEASE** Richard here, I'm 45, very loving, and I like holidays, listening to music, theatre, cooking, cinema, museums and restaurants. You? Box 459273 **T**

**TO THE FUTURE!** Well-built male, 44, looking for a female for friendship and fun, let's start the summer not being single and with a smile! Box 883224 **T**

**MAKE A CONNECTION** Hard working male, 39, kind, GOSH, intelligent, modest! Likes cooking, the countryside & nights out, seeks fun female for relationship. Maidstone, Box 463623 **T**

**GAINING CONFIDENCE** 47yr old lady, Brighton based, have my own company and I enjoy most things in life. Seeks a fresh start with a genuine local lady. Box 463623 **T**

**OSHOH A MUST** Hello there, I'm a 47yr old guy, 5ft11, dark brown hair, blue eyes, likes gosh, enjoys walking and cycling and looking for a meaningful relationship. Ashford, Box 464617 **T**

**MAKE THE MOST OF LIFE** Genuine male, 35, 5ft11, slim, blue hair, blue eyes, likes walking, cycling and looking for a serious relationship. Box 464612 **T**

**FANCY A DWD?** Caring gentle, 45, 5ft9, short hair, looking for guys in the Medway area for fun foremost and then whatever else follows. Rochester, Box 459181 **T**

**RENAISSANCE MAN** Artistic male, 51, 5ft11, slim, grey hair, blue eyes, creative, cosmopolitan outlook and many interests, seeking a male, 20-40 for friendship and more. Box 461034 **T**

**ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES** Active 52yr old man in fairly good shape, looking to meet a nice man for relaxation, conversation and good times. Box 452249 **T**

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Say bye to the Grande Punto hi to Punto Evo

AS part of a major facelift – and one that really does change its face – Fiat's supermini has had a name change.

'Grande' Punto has given way to Punto 'Evo' (from £10,995), highlighting evolution through new lower emission and consumption engines with start/stop as standard and enhanced safety.

And there's a twist to Fiat's innovative Blue and Me controls – most models can now be specified with a customised finger-tip control TomTom sat nav.

The Punto Evo also gets fully-integrated Fiat eco:Drive so owners drive 'greener'.



### More affordable Insight

HONDA has confirmed its insight as the most affordable hybrid on the market with a brand new PCP (personal contract purchase) offer.

Customers can now get an Insight SE for just £199 per month against key rivals quoted by Honda: the Focus ECOnetic (£349.98/month) diesel and the hybrid sector leader, the Toyota Prius (£265.38).

The Insight SE is also priced at £16,338 – undercutting the Prius by £3,165 – and comes with alloys, climate control, electric folding mirrors, steering wheel-mounted audio controls and vehicle stability assist (VSA).



### Auris gets a tune-up

TOYOTA has responded to the need to update its Ford Focus-challenging Auris, by unveiling radical changes for 2010.

Priced from £14,463, the Auris has been restyled inside and out, but the real difference is beneath the metal with suspension and steering fine-tuned for improved ride quality and handling and the arrival of Toyota Optimal Drive powertrains; more than just marketing-speak, these new Toyota engines have shown in other Toyota models that they offer more power, with seemingly contradictory improvements in fuel efficiency and emissions.



**NEW MODEL:** The estate has rakish style yet loses little in practicality and drives better than before, helped by an extended wheelbase and track within similar overall dimensions

# Avensis may be the only automatic choice for you

## ROAD TEST TOYOTA AVENSIS

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Japanese motor giant's 'Optimal Drive' engine technology: low friction components, lighter and more compact design and enhanced combustion, adding up to lower emissions and better economy plus flexibility.

The 150bhp 2.2 diesel high spec T4 Tourer (£23,985) test car loaned by Motorline at Canterbury proved the point; it's a lively yet refined unit and now available with a superb six-speed auto gearbox. Admittedly, the self-changer lifts emissions from 150g/km for the manual to 175, annual road tax from £125 to £175 and the Benefit in Kind bill from 21 to 25 per cent, but convenience gains are impressive.

Motorline Toyota, Canterbury, manager Robert Hobbs: "We have one of the few demonstrators in the UK with the 2.2 engine mated to the seamless automatic gearbox. The smoothness and 'torqueyness' of the responsive engine has impressed everyone who has driven it, taking lots of conquest business from VW Passat and Renault Laguna."

The Avensis has an upmarket and roomy interior for five people, large load space with copious under floor stowage, a ski slot and two side compartments. The sharply angled rear tailgate line robs some upper level load space though.



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# USED CAR ROUND-UP:

## OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### NISSAN NOTE



THIS was a clever attempt to fill the gap left by two cars deleted from the Nissan line-up. It is not the prettiest car, but there can be few offering so much versatility within the compact dimensions of a large supermini. The boot has been cleverly arranged for different modes, the cabin is spacious and the Note is also available with frugal yet lively Renault-derived diesel power – though these command a premium – but the ride can be fidgety.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### MPV HATCHBACKS

CARMAKERS have been busy in recent years trying to cater for buyers who need MPV-style space with small hatchback manageability. Their efforts have met with mixed success, as shown by our three used car candidates. They each have large cabins relative to their size and many clever MPV tricks in seating and flexibility and there are bargains to be had, but such benefits can come at the expense of looks and style and driving enjoyment – buyers have to balance what their heart says against what their head is demanding...

### HONDA JAZZ



HIGH used values for the original Jazz eased with the recent arrival of the Mark II should get more sensible overall now that the current car is made at Swindon. This will add to desirability second-hand; supermini manageability is married to a capacious cabin and rear seats that lift to allow big loads or shopping to be packed behind the front seats. Negatives: no diesel, the original CVT (continuously variable transmission) auto and a firm ride on early versions.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### RENAULT MODUS



THOUGH the Modus is related to the Note, it has not been so successful. The looks are chic and it is the more refined car to be in as the ride is more relaxed, but the original cabin is smaller, so versatility is less obvious. However, used prices have eased, especially as the later and stretched Grand Modus version has started to appear on the used market, so the original versions are becoming very affordable in petrol and diesel guise.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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**2004** SAAB 9-3 1.9TID Linear, 4 Doors, Manual, Diesel, 50,000 miles, Metallic Steel Grey, ABS, Air conditioning, Alarm, Alloy wheels, Cloth seat trim, Full Electric Pack, Full Service History, Park distance control, Traction control..... £7,395

**2005 05** SAAB 9-3 1.8T Linear Sport, 4 Doors, Automatic, Saloon, Petrol, 63,277 miles, Metallic Grey, 2 Owners, Cruise control, Alloy wheels, Immobiliser, Multi function steering wheel, ABS, Cloth seat trim, Full Electric Pack, Reverse parking aid, Part Service History, Air conditioning, Climate Control, Park distance control..... £7,195

**2002 52** SAAB 9-5 2.3HTD Aeron, 4 Doors, Manual, Saloon, Petrol, 73,000 miles, Steel Grey, ABS, Alloy wheels, Full Electric Pack, Cruise control, Park distance control, Sports seats, Traction control, Climate control, In Car Entertainment, Warranty, Leather upholstery, Metallic paintwork, Tinted glass..... £5,495

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**JTDm** (210), 2008, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control control driver airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, red, 13,669 miles, £18,000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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**A2**, 1.4, 2001, cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint twin airbags remote central locking, black, 66,439 miles, £4,000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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**BERLINGO**, 1.6 HDi 90hp L1 625 X van, 2009, white, 5000 miles, £8500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C2**, 1.6, 2008, gold, 50 miles, £1,2000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**C2**, 2.0, 2008, black, 50 miles, £25,000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C2**, 2.0, 2008, blue, 50 miles, £25,000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**CIVIC**, 1.4i MAX, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, silver, 15,100 miles, £3,000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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Required for 1st September 2010

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It would be desirable if you have undergone training in Speech and Language Disorders or are willing to undertake such training.

Application forms and further details are available from the school.

Closing date: 9:30am on Friday, 12th February 2010.

Walmer Science College is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and the successful applicant will be required to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure via the CRB. Only applications submitted via the official application form will be considered.

T : 01304 375212 F : 01304 380766  
E: [admin@walmersciencecollege.co.uk](mailto:admin@walmersciencecollege.co.uk)  
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For an application pack please write to

Mel Perkins, Operations Manager, 10 Victoria Road,  
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Please contact Jennifer Spooner, HR Manager, on direct telephone number 01843 598550 or email [jennifer.spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk](mailto:jennifer.spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk)

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Closing date: Friday 19th February 2010

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ON TARGET: Dover Athletic striker Shaun Welford scored the opener

# Welford left frustrated by Dover defeat

## FOOTBALL

DOVER goal scorer Shaun Welford felt the Whites were unlucky not to force a replay in Saturday's FA Trophy meeting with Stevenage Borough.

The striker headed the visitors in front and had two efforts well saved late in the game in Dover's 4-1 defeat to the Blue Square Premier leaders.

Welford was frustrated Dover were unable to make the most of their chances, allowing a strong Stevenage side to go on and win the game relatively comfortably.

He said: "We started well and went one

up and it looked like we had the better of them. We let them back into the game with a couple of sloppy goals. There were glimpses of what we are capable of and we were just unlucky at the end of the day."

"We showed what we can do going forward against sides like Stevenage. If we had a bit more composure in front of goal it could have been a different story."

Dover now turn their attention back to

the league, where they are still firmly in the race for a play-off spot in the Blue Square South. Although they have won just two of their last eight games in the competition, Welford remains confident his side are capable of a top-five finish.

He said: "We believe points on the board is better than games in hand. We're still third and the play-offs are what we want to be involved in come the end of the season."

"We've had a few blips over Christmas but we've just got to keep going."

## RUGBY



LUCKY: Dover's streak continued despite poor display

### Foster and Davison score vital tries in narrow win

#### Tunbridge Wells 10 Dover 12

DOVER extended their winning run to 12 league games but were hugely fortunate to come away from Tunbridge Wells with a victory after a below-par display.

Trigger Davison and Jon Foster scored the vital tries but an error-strewn second-half performance allowed the home side back into the game.

It was enough to stay within three points of London 1 South leaders Gravesend, but head coach Graham Tonks was under no illusions about the game.

He said: "Luck was on our side and we have a long way to go and a lot to do but the two points is all important to us. Our tackling ability was poor as was some of our decision-making. A number of players failed to perform and there are issues that we need to address over the next week."

The first-half saw Dover kicking up the slope and the early signs were favourable for the visitors. There were some useful passages of play and Dover looked comfortable in most areas.

A tight game remained scoreless until five minutes before half-time, when the Sharks used a penalty to kick for the line. From the restart Davison gathered the ball and barged over, with Blair Charge kicking the extras.

The visitors stretched their lead after half-time when Mark Beaumont set up Foster in support to score an unconverted try. But the 12-0 lead was only brief and directly from the restart a Wells player was allowed to waltz through for a try.

It set up a nail-biting finale for Dover, who gave away a series of needless penalties which allowed Wells to take control. A second try narrowed the deficit to two points and they should have scored further but sloppy handling in critical areas ultimately cost them the game.

Dover face Thanet Wanderers at Crabble on Saturday.



EXIT: Frannie Collin (centre) in action during Dover's FA Trophy exit at the hands of Blue Square Premier leaders Stevenage Borough on Saturday

# Whites put in a spirited display but exit FA Trophy

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

### Stevenage Borough 4

Sills 32, Beardsley 37, Bostwick 52, Odubade 88

### Dover Athletic 1

Welford 28

ference at this level is you have got to take your chances."

Stevenage began brightly but the home crowd were silenced just before the half hour mark. Frannie Collin's deep cross found Welford at the far post, who powered his header into the net. But within nine minutes Dover were behind as Tim Sills and Chris Beardsley netted in quick succession.

The visitors, rocked by conceding two goals, made a slow start to the second-half and were punished by Michael Bostwick's strike.

Dover refused to go quietly and came close to cutting the deficit. Welford spurned two clear chances before substitute Yemi Odubade scored a fourth goal with two minutes of the game remaining.

Despite the defeat Hessenthaler thoroughly

### Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Adelakun (Rogers 71), Browning (Wallis 80)

enjoyed coming up against the team sitting at the top of the non-league pyramid and believes the game will help his players as they bid to reach the Blue Square South play-offs.

He said: "We've seen where we have got to get to as a club. It's opened my eyes a bit when you look at the gulf between the two divisions. For me playing against teams like Stevenage gives me renewed drive to get to this level. I've been fortunate to play at this level and above, but some of my players haven't."

"We know what we have got to do but it's not easy at this stage of the season. We got 15 games to go and they are 15 cup finals. We are in the play-offs at the moment but we have got to stay there."

Dover visit Bath City this Saturday.

# Invicta find solution but face a ten-point penalty

## FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

**FOLKESTONE** Invicta's long debt battle should ease from next week with the club's board members expected to back a voluntary settlement agreed with the creditors.

The Seasiders have been struggling under the weight of big liabilities since they were announced in October 2008. After months of negotiations behind the scenes, the Folkestone Invicta Recovery Group (FIRG) have now reached an agreement with HM Revenue & Customs, who are owed the vast majority of the outstanding debts.

Members will get the chance to hear and then ratify the plans at a meeting this Friday. Mark Jenner, a member of FIRG, believes it is a step forward for the club but does not mean it is the end of the problems.

He said: "It's progress. Really we have no choice because we can't afford to pay the assessment the Inland Revenue have put to us. If we can't do that then we'd face a winding up order and then we really would be finished."

"I would've liked to have done better but this is the best deal that can be done: it's this or nothing and it's considerably better than nothing. It's still going to be difficult. We still have to pay money on the CVA and it still has to be raised. It will take us several years to pay



**PROGRESS:** There is light at the end of the tunnel for Folkestone Invicta after agreeing a settlement with the club's creditors, but the team will be hit with a points penalty

Picture IGOR KUPCO

down what we've agreed."

Following the ratification of the plans, supporters will hear plans of the make-up of a new board and the proposal to turn the ownership into a Supporters Trust.

Unfortunately for the team, Ryman League rules on insolvency mean a ten-point penalty is inevitable, which will erode the lead Neil Cugley's side have built up during a superb season to date.

The meeting will be held at the club's Stripes bar this Friday from 6.30pm. Non-members are welcome.

On the pitch, Folkestone were denied the

chance to strengthen their position at the top of the Ryman South after their game with Merstham was postponed on Saturday. Temperatures plunged below freezing on Friday night, freezing the Cheriton Road pitch. It was not the only fixture to fall victim to the weather and with Worthing's trip to Godalming also cancelled, Invicta's nine-point lead remained intact.

The Seasiders were in action last night with a tough trip to Croydon Athletic. Log on to [www.yourshepway.co.uk](http://www.yourshepway.co.uk) for the details. Cugley's side visit Walton Casuals this Saturday.

**BRACE:** Hythe's Michael Yianni (in yellow) scored twice

**Yianni chalks up his tenth for Hythe as Town close the gap**

### Corinthian 1 Hythe Town 2

**MICHAEL** Yianni continued his superb form in front of goal as Hythe Town came through a tough test at Corinthian on Saturday.

The striker, who has now joined the club permanently from Folkestone Invicta, scored twice in the away win to take his tally to ten goals in the last 15 games. Extending the club's unbeaten streak to seven games – the longest existing sequence in the Kent League – lifted Hythe up to fourth in the table with games still in hand.

Yianni was on target in Hythe's Premier Division Cup exit at Herne Bay a week ago and it took him a matter of seconds to open the scoring at Gay Dawn Farm.

### Control

The visitors went on to control the first-half without adding to their lead and it proved costly as Charlie Sweetman levelled against the run of play on 28 minutes.

With leaders Faversham not in action, Hythe could ill-afford to drop points from one of their games in hand. Fortunately midway through the second-half Yianni fired home his second of the afternoon to seal a hard-fought victory.

Up next for Scott Porter's men is a home game against Sporting Bengal United who, although being much improved on last season, should offer Hythe a good opportunity to extend their unbeaten run to eight games.

Deal's bid to reach the last four of the Kent Senior Trophy will have to wait after their quarter-final with Sevenoaks Town was postponed last weekend.

The tie, which was supposed to have been played by January 9, was again cancelled due to a frozen pitch at the Oatmoor-Harris Stadium and has been rescheduled for this Saturday. The winners go through to face Faversham Town in the semi-finals.

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Gills manager Mark Stimson looks ahead to a crucial run of games

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RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Newport County	25	19	6	7	+9	52
2 Woking	26	13	5	10	-4	45
<b>3 Dover Athletic</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>44</b>
4 Chelmsford City	27	13	5	9	+3	44
5 Thurrock	25	12	7	6	+9	43
6 Braine Tree Town	23	11	9	3	+10	42
7 Staines Town	27	10	11	6	+11	41
8 Bromley	27	12	5	10	+5	41
9 Eastleigh	24	11	5	8	+6	38
10 Bath City	25	10	8	7	+10	38
11 Welling United	26	11	5	10	+2	38
12 Deal Town	26	10	5	11	-11	35
13 Bishop's Stortford	23	8	9	6	-2	33
14 Havant & Waterlooville	23	8	9	6	-1	33
15 St Albans City	26	9	5	12	-8	32
16 Maidenhead United	24	9	8	9	-2	29
17 Dorchester Town	26	7	6	13	-15	27
18 Worcester City	25	5	7	13	-6	22
19 Hampton & Richmond Boro'	22	5	6	11	-11	21
20 Lewes	26	4	9	13	-15	21
21 Weymouth	25	4	5	16	-33	17
22 Weston-super-Mare	25	4	4	17	-22	16

## RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
<b>1 Folkestone Invicta</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>53</b>
2 Worthing	24	2	8	14	+14	44
3 Croydon Athletic	22	12	6	4	+23	42
4 Godalming Town	21	13	3	5	+17	42
5 Fletch Town	23	13	3	7	+15	42
6 Walton & Hersham	23	11	5	7	+6	38
7 Chatham Town	25	11	3	11	-7	36
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11 Ransgate	23	9	6	8	0	33
12 Merstham	24	9	6	9	-4	33
13 Horsham YMCA	25	7	10	8	+4	34
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17 Metropolitan Police	22	6	3	9	+2	25
18 Walton Casuals	24	12	2	10	-24	24
19 Chipstead	25	6	6	14	-16	21
20 Whittlesey Town	23	6	2	15	-27	20
21 Eastbourne Town	25	3	9	13	-26	18
22 Ashford Town	21	2	8	11	-30	14



**DEFEAT:** Deal (in white/black) lost out to Lewes who completed the league double over the Kent side

Picture KARON GILLIES

## Lions fall short against Lewes

### RUGBY

#### Deal & Betteshanger 15 Lewes 28

**DEAL** and Betteshanger were unable to build on their winning run as they fell short in an encounter with Lewes on Saturday.

The home side were within reach of victory for long spells but were never able to get ahead as Lewes completed the league double over the Kent side.

The Lions had won back-to-back games for the first time this season against KCS Old Boys and Old Reigatians in recent weeks. With the visitors just ahead of them in the table, Deal went into the game optimistic of extending their winning streak to three.

Lewes began well in all departments and their pack set up the opening try early on,

which was converted. The Lions responded quickly, driving Wesley Bull over to narrow the deficit to two points.

The sides traded penalties before Lewes scored their second try to go 15-8 ahead at half-time. The visitors stretched their lead in the second-half with a penalty and third try to open up a 17-point lead. With a mountain to climb the Lions showed good character to close the gap and they got their reward when Anthony Hart dived over.

The conversion got Deal to within ten points, but a late penalty from the visitors snuffed out any hopes of a comeback.

The Lions' first XV have a break in fixtures this weekend. They return to action on February 13 with a trip to second from bottom Bromley knowing a win would virtually secure their London 2 South East status for next season.

## FIXTURES

Blue Square South: Bath City v **Dover Athletic**; Ryman Division One South: Walton Casuals v **Folkestone Invicta**; Kent League Premier Division: **Hythe Town** v Sporting Bengal United; Kent Senior Trophy Quarter-Final: **Deal Town** v Sevenoaks Town



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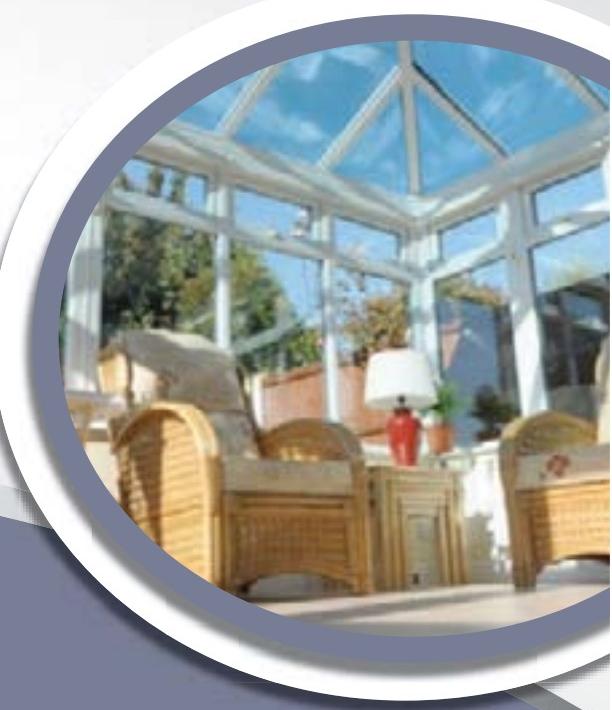
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Could you please pass on our compliments to 'Brian and Ray' who installed our clients windows. She is extremely happy with their work and says they are the most polite and considerate workmen she has ever had the pleasure to meet.

Mrs K Moller, Romford.

I am writing to say how pleased I am regarding the new windows that were put in. The men were very efficient and cleared up everything.

Mrs I Hawkins, Ramsgate.

Thank you for the tradesmen you sent that replaced the windows and doors to my bungalow. Not only are they first class tradesmen and so helpful but they cleaned up after every job.

Mrs E K Fuller, Bridge, Kent.

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